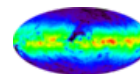




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The Tycho-2 Catalogue of the 2.5 Million Brightest Stars  
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**Abstract:**

The Tycho-2 Catalogue is an astrometric reference catalogue containing positions and proper motions as well as two-colour photometric data for the 2.5 million brightest stars in the sky. The Tycho-2 positions and magnitudes are based on precisely the same observations as the original Tycho Catalogue (hereafter Tycho-1; see Cat. [I/239](#)) collected by the star mapper of the ESA Hipparcos satellite, but Tycho-2 is much bigger and slightly more precise, owing to a more advanced reduction technique. Components of double stars with separations down to 0.8 arcsec are included. Proper motions precise to about 2.5 mas/yr are given as derived from a comparison with the Astrographic Catalogue and 143 other ground-based astrometric catalogues, all reduced to the Hipparcos celestial coordinate system. Tycho-2 supersedes in most applications Tycho-1, as well as the ACT (Cat. [I/246](#)) and TRC (Cat. [I/250](#)) catalogues based on Tycho-1. Supplement-1 lists stars from the Hipparcos and Tycho-1 Catalogues which are not in Tycho-2. Supplement-2 lists 1146 Tycho-1 stars which are probably either false or heavily disturbed.

For more information, please consult the Tycho-2 home page:  
<http://www.astro.ku.dk/~erik/Tycho-2>

**Catalogue Characteristics:**

The principal characteristics of the Tycho-2 Catalogue are summarized below. By means of proper motions the positions are transferred to the year 2000.0, the epoch of the catalogue. The median values of internal standard errors are given.

Mean satellite observation epoch	~J1991.5
Epoch of the Tycho-2 Catalogue	J2000.0
Reference system	ICRS
coincidence with ICRS (1)	±0.6 mas
deviation from inertial (1)	±0.25 mas/yr
Number of entries	2,539,913
Astrometric standard errors (2)	
$V_T < 9$ mag	7 mas
all stars, positions	60 mas
all stars, proper motions	2.5 mas/yr
Photometric std. errors (3) on $V_T$	
$V_T < 9$ mag	0.013 mag
all stars	0.10 mag
Star density	
$b = 0$ deg	150 stars/sq.deg.
$b = \pm 30$ deg	50 stars/sq.deg.
$b = \pm 90$ deg	25 stars/sq.deg.
Completeness to 90 per cent	$V \sim 11.5$ mag
Completeness to 99 per cent	$V \sim 11.0$ mag
Number of Tycho observations	~300 $10^6$

Note (1): about all 3 axes

Note (2):  
 ratio of external to internal standard errors is ~1.0  
 for positions and for proper motions. Systematic errors  
 are less than 1 mas and 0.5 mas/yr

Note (3):  
 ratio of photometric external to internal standard errors  
 at  $V_T > 9$  mag is below 1.5

## File Summary:

FileName	Lrecl	Records	Explanations
ReadMe	80	.	This file
<a href="#">tyc2.dat</a>	206	2539913	*The Tycho-2 main catalogue
<a href="#">suppl_1.dat</a>	122	17588	The Tycho-2 supplement-1
<a href="#">suppl_2.dat</a>	122	1146	The Tycho-2 supplement-2
<a href="#">index.dat</a>	42	9538	Index to Tycho-2 and supplement-1
guide.ps	120	7837	Guide to Tycho-2 (postscript)
guide.pdf	1	428724	Guide to Tycho-2 (pdf)

## Note on tyc2.dat:

This huge file is split into 20 smaller files named tyc2.dat.00, tyc2.dat.01, ... tyc2.dat.18, each containing 127000 lines, and tyc2.dat.19 which contains the last 126913 lines.

## See also:

[I/239](#) : The Hipparcos and Tycho Catalogues (ESA 1997)  
[I/211](#) : CCDM (Components of Double and Multiple stars) (Dommanget+ 1994)  
[I/246](#) : The ACT Reference Catalog (Urban+ 1997)  
[I/250](#) : The Tycho Reference Catalogue (Hog+ 1998)  
<http://www.astro.ku.dk/~erik/Tycho-2> : Tycho-2 home page

## Nomenclature Notes:

The TYC identifier is constructed from the GSC region number (TYC1), the running number within the region (TYC2) and a component identifier (TYC3) which is normally 1. Some non-GSC running numbers were constructed for the first Tycho Catalogue and for Tycho-2. The recommended star designation contains a hyphen between the TYC numbers, e.g. TYC 1-13-1.

## Field separator in the data files:

In the data files, the fields in each record are separated by a vertical bar, |. In this connection the TYC identifier (TYC1, TYC2 and TYC3) constitutes one field and the pair of a HIP number with a CCDM identifier is also considered one field.

Byte-by-byte Description of file: [tyc2.dat](#)

Bytes	Format	Units	Label	Explanations
1- 4	I4	---	TYC1	[1,9537] += TYC1 from TYC or GSC <a href="#">(1)</a>
6- 10	I5	---	TYC2	[1,12121] TYC2 from TYC or GSC <a href="#">(1)</a>
12	I1	---	TYC3	[1,3] TYC3 from TYC <a href="#">(1)</a>
14	A1	---	pflag	[ PX] mean position flag <a href="#">(2)</a>
16- 27	F12.8	<a href="#">deg</a>	RAmdeg	[ ]? Mean Right Asc, ICRS, epoch=J2000 <a href="#">(3)</a>
29- 40	F12.8	<a href="#">deg</a>	DEmdeg	[ ]? Mean Decl, ICRS, at epoch=J2000 <a href="#">(3)</a>
42- 48	F7.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	pmRA	? Proper motion in RA*cos(dec) <a href="#">(12)</a>
50- 56	F7.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	pmDE	? Proper motion in Dec <a href="#">(12)</a>
58- 60	I3	<a href="#">mas</a>	e_RAmdeg	[3,183]? s.e. RA*cos(dec), at mean epoch <a href="#">(5)</a>
62- 64	I3	<a href="#">mas</a>	e_DEmdeg	[1,184]? s.e. of Dec at mean epoch <a href="#">(5)</a>
66- 69	F4.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	e_pmRA	[0.2,11.5]? s.e. prop mot in <a href="#">RA*cos(dec)</a> <a href="#">(5)</a>
71- 74	F4.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	e_pmDE	[0.2,10.3]? s.e. of proper motion in <a href="#">Dec</a> <a href="#">(5)</a>
76- 82	F7.2	<a href="#">yr</a>	EpRAm	[1915.95,1992.53]? mean epoch of RA <a href="#">(4)</a>
84- 90	F7.2	<a href="#">yr</a>	EpDEm	[1911.94,1992.01]? mean epoch of Dec <a href="#">(4)</a>
92- 93	I2	---	Num	[2,36]? Number of positions used
95- 97	F3.1	---	q_RAmdeg	[0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for mean RA <a href="#">(6)</a>
99-101	F3.1	---	q_DEmdeg	[0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for mean Dec <a href="#">(6)</a>
103-105	F3.1	---	q_pmRA	[0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for pmRA <a href="#">(6)</a>
107-109	F3.1	---	q_pmDE	[0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for pmDE <a href="#">(6)</a>
111-116	F6.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	BTmag	[2.183,16.581]? Tycho-2 BT magnitude <a href="#">(7)</a>
118-122	F5.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	e_BTmag	[0.014,1.977]? s.e. of BT <a href="#">(7)</a>
124-129	F6.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	VTmag	[1.905,15.193]? Tycho-2 VT magnitude <a href="#">(7)</a>
131-135	F5.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	e_VTmag	[0.009,1.468]? s.e. of VT <a href="#">(7)</a>
137-139	I3	<a href="#">0.1arcsec</a>	prox	[3,999] proximity indicator <a href="#">(8)</a>
141	A1	---	TYC	[T] Tycho-1 star <a href="#">(9)</a>
143-148	I6	---	HIP	[1,120404]? Hipparcos number
149-151	A3	---	CCDM	CCDM component identifier for HIP <a href="#">stars</a> <a href="#">(10)</a>
153-164	F12.8	<a href="#">deg</a>	RAdeg	Observed Tycho-2 Right Ascension, ICRS
166-177	F12.8	<a href="#">deg</a>	DEdeg	Observed Tycho-2 Declination, ICRS
179-182	F4.2	<a href="#">yr</a>	EpRA-1990	[0.81,2.13] epoch-1990 of RAdeg
184-187	F4.2	<a href="#">yr</a>	EpDE-1990	[0.72,2.36] epoch-1990 of DEdeg
189-193	F5.1	<a href="#">mas</a>	e_RAdeg	s.e. RA*cos(dec), of observed Tycho-2 RA <a href="#">(5)</a>

195-199	F5.1	<a href="#">mas</a>	e_DEdeg	s.e. of observed Tycho-2 Dec <a href="#">(5)</a>
201	A1	---	posflg	[ DP] type of Tycho-2 solution <a href="#">(11)</a>
203-206	F4.1	---	corr	[-1,1] correlation (RAdeg,DEdeg)

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**Note (2):**

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 'X' = no mean position, no proper motion.

**Note (3):**

The mean position is a weighted mean for the catalogues contributing to the proper motion determination. This mean has then been brought to epoch 2000.0 by the computed proper motion. See Note(2) above for details. Tycho-2 is one of the several catalogues used to determine the mean position and proper motion. The observed Tycho-2 position is given in the fields RAdeg and DEdeg.

**Note (4):**

The mean epochs are given in Julian years.

**Note (5):**

The errors are based on error models.

**Note (6):**

This goodness of fit is the ratio of the scatter-based and the model-based error. It is only defined when Num > 2. Values exceeding 9.9 are truncated to 9.9.

**Note (7):**

Blank when no magnitude is available. Either BTmag or VTmag is always given. Approximate Johnson photometry may be obtained as:  
 $V = VT - 0.090 \cdot (BT - VT)$   
 $B - V = 0.850 \cdot (BT - VT)$   
 Consult Sect 1.3 of Vol 1 of "The Hipparcos and Tycho Catalogues", ESA SP-1200, 1997, for details.

**Note (8):**

Distance in units of 100 mas to the nearest entry in the Tycho-2 main catalogue or supplement. The distance is computed for the epoch 1991.25. A value of 999 (i.e. 99.9 arcsec) is given if the distance exceeds 99.9 arcsec.

**Note (9):**

' ' = no Tycho-1 star was found within 0.8 arcsec (quality 1-8) or 2.4 arcsec (quality 9).  
 'T' = this is a Tycho-1 star. The Tycho-1 identifier is given in the beginning of the record. For Tycho-1 stars, resolved in Tycho-2 as a close pair, both components are flagged as a Tycho-1 star and the Tycho-1 TYC3 is assigned to the brightest (VT) component.  
 The HIP-only stars given in Tycho-1 are not flagged as Tycho-1 stars.

**Note (10):**

The CCDM component identifiers for double or multiple Hipparcos stars contributing to this Tycho-2 entry. For photocentre solutions, all components within 0.8 arcsec contribute. For double star solutions any unresolved component within 0.8 arcsec contributes. For single star solutions, the predicted signal from close stars were normally subtracted in the analysis of the photon counts and such stars therefore do not contribute to the solution. The components are given in lexical order.

**Note (11):**

' ' = normal treatment, close stars were subtracted when possible.  
 'D' = double star treatment. Two stars were found. The companion is normally included as a separate Tycho-2 entry, but may have been rejected.  
 'P' = photocentre treatment, close stars were not subtracted. This special treatment was applied to known or suspected doubles which were not successfully (or reliably) resolved in the Tycho-2 double star processing.

**Note (12):** Some Hipparcos stars (having a positive number in the HIP column) have no proper motions; these are virtually all in multiple systems.

Byte-by-byte Description of file: [suppl\\_1.dat](#), [suppl\\_2.dat](#)

Bytes	Format	Units	Label	Explanations
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1- 4	I4	---	TYC1	[2,9529] += TYC1 from TYC <a href="#">(1)</a>
6- 10	I5	---	TYC2	[1,12112] TYC2 from TYC <a href="#">(1)</a>

12	I1	---	TYC3	[1,4]	TYC3 from TYC (1)
14	A1	---	flag	[HT]	data from Hipparcos or Tycho-1 (2)
16- 27	F12.8	<a href="#">deg</a>	RAdeg		Right Asc, ICRS, at epoch=J1991.25
29- 40	F12.8	<a href="#">deg</a>	DEdeg		Decl, ICRS, at epoch=J1991.25
42- 48	F7.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	pmRA		[ ]? Proper motion in RA*cos(dec)
50- 56	F7.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	pmDE		[ ]? Proper motion in Dec
58- 62	F5.1	<a href="#">mas</a>	e_RAdeg		s.e. RA*cos(dec)
64- 68	F5.1	<a href="#">mas</a>	e_DEdeg		s.e. of Dec
70- 74	F5.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	e_pmRA		[ ]? s.e. prop mot in RA * cos(dec)
76- 80	F5.1	<a href="#">mas/yr</a>	e_pmDE		[ ]? s.e. of proper motion in Dec
82	A1	---	mflag	[ BVH]	Note about Tycho magnitudes (3)
84- 89	F6.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	BTmag		[ ]? Tycho-1 BT magnitude (4)
91- 95	F5.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	e_BTmag		[ ]? s.e. of BT (4)
97-102	F6.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	VTmag		[ ]? Tycho-1 VT or Hp magnitude (4)
104-108	F5.3	<a href="#">mag</a>	e_VTmag		[ ]? s.e. of VT (4)
110-112	I3	<a href="#">0.larcsec</a>	prox		[1,999] proximity indicator (5)
114	A1	---	TYC	[ T]	Tycho-1 star
116-121	I6	---	HIP		[1,120404]? Hipparcos number
122	A1	---	CCDM		CCDM component identifier for HIP stars

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**Note (2):**

'H' = data are from Hipparcos and include proper motion.

'T' = data are from Tycho-1. No proper motion is given.

**Note (3):**

' ' = both BT and VT given.

'B' = only BT given.

'V' = only VT given.

'H' = Hp is given instead of VT. BT is blank.

**Note (4):**

Blank when no magnitude is available.

For Hipparcos stars with no VT, Hp is given instead of VT, and BT is blank.

**Note (5):**

Distance in units of 100 mas to nearest Tycho-2 main or supplement entry. (Computed for the epoch 1991.25). A value of 999 (i.e. 99.9 arcsec) is given if the distance exceeds 99.9 arcsec.

**Byte-by-byte Description of file:** [index.dat](#)

Bytes	Format	Units	Label	Explanations
1- 7	I7	---	rec_t2	+ Tycho-2 rec. of 1st star in region (1)
9- 14	I6	---	rec_s1	+= Suppl-1 rec. of 1st star in region (1)
16- 21	F6.2	<a href="#">deg</a>	RAmin	[-0.01,] smallest RA in region (2)
23- 28	F6.2	<a href="#">deg</a>	RAmax	[,360.00] largest RA in region (2)
30- 35	F6.2	<a href="#">deg</a>	DEmin	smallest Dec in this region (2)
37- 42	F6.2	<a href="#">deg</a>	DEmax	largest Dec in this region (2)

**Note (1):** The catalogue is sorted according to the GSC region numbers.

The line i of the index file gives the record number in Tycho-2 of the first star in GSC region i. Line i+1 gives the record number +1 of the last star in GSC region i. For Supplement-1, some regions are empty and line i and line i+1 give the same record number.

**Note (2):** a safe rounding was applied. Minimum values are always rounded down and maximum values up.

#### References:

Hog E., Fabricius C., Makarov V.V., Bastian U., Schwkendiek P., Wicenec A., Urban S., Corbin T., Wycoff G., "Construction and verification of the Tycho-2 Catalogue." =[2000A&A...357..367H](#)

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The document above follows the rules of the [Standard Description for Astronomical Catalogues](#). From this documentation it is possible to generate [f77](#) program to load files [into arrays](#) or [line by line](#)



## FORTRAN Generation ([I./ftp/cats/I/259](http://ftp/cats/I/259))

Conversion of standardized ReadMe file for file [I./ftp/cats/I/259](http://ftp/cats/I/259) into FORTRAN code for loading all data files into arrays.

*Note that special values are assigned to unknown or unspecified numbers (also called NULL numbers); when necessary, the coordinate components making up the right ascension and declination are converted into floating-point numbers representing these angles in degrees.*

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      program load_ReadMe
C=====
C  F77-compliant program generated by readme2f_1.81 (2015-09-23), on 2016-Jun-09
C=====
* This code was generated from the ReadMe file documenting a catalogue
* according to the "Standard for Documentation of Astronomical Catalogues"
* currently in use by the Astronomical Data Centers (CDS, ADC, A&A)
* (see full documentation at URL http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/doc/catstd.htm)
* Please report problems or questions to question\(at\)simbad.u-strasbg.fr
C=====

      implicit none
* Unspecified or NULL values, generally corresponding to blank columns,
* are assigned one of the following special values:
*   rNULL__ for unknown or NULL floating-point values
*   iNULL__ for unknown or NULL integer values
      real*4   rNULL__
      integer*4 iNULL__
      parameter (rNULL__=-2147483648.) ! NULL real number
      parameter (iNULL__=(-2147483647-1)) ! NULL int number
      integer   idig ! testing NULL number

C=====
Cat. I/259           The Tycho-2 Catalogue           (Hog+ 2000)
*=====
*The Tycho-2 Catalogue of the 2.5 Million Brightest Stars
*  Hog E., Fabricius C., Makarov V.V., Urban S., Corbin T.,
*  Wycoff G., Bastian U., Schwendiek P., Wicenec A.
*  <Astron. Astrophys. 355, L27 (2000)>
*  =2000A&A...355L..27H
C=====

C  Internal variables

      integer*4 i__

C  - - - - -

C  Declarations for 'tyc2.dat' ! *The Tycho-2 main catalogue

      integer*4 nr__
      parameter (nr__=2539913) ! Number of records
      character*206 ar__ ! Full-size record

C  J2000 position composed of: RAdeg DEdeg
      integer*4   TYC1 (nr__) ! [1,9537] += TYC1 from TYC or GSC (1)
      integer*4   TYC2 (nr__) ! [1,12121] TYC2 from TYC or GSC (1)
      integer*4   TYC3 (nr__) ! [1,3] TYC3 from TYC (1)
      character*1 pflag (nr__) ! [ PX] mean position flag (2)
      real*8      RAdeg (nr__) ! (deg) []? Mean Right Asc, ICRS, epoch=J2000 (3)
      real*8      DEdeg (nr__) ! (deg) []? Mean Decl, ICRS, at epoch=J2000 (3)
      real*8      pmRA (nr__) ! (mas/yr) ? Proper motion in RA*cos(dec) (12)
      real*8      pmDE (nr__) ! (mas/yr) ? Proper motion in Dec (12)
      integer*4   e_RAdeg (nr__) ! (mas) [3,183]? s.e. RA*cos(dec), at mean epoch (5)
      integer*4   e_DEdeg (nr__) ! (mas) [1,184]? s.e. of Dec at mean epoch (5)
      real*4      e_pmRA (nr__) ! (mas/yr) [0.2,11.5]? s.e. prop mot in RA*cos(dec) (5)
      real*4      e_pmDE (nr__) ! (mas/yr) [0.2,10.3]? s.e. of proper motion in Dec (5)
      real*8      EpRAm (nr__) ! (yr) [1915.95,1992.53]? mean epoch of RA (4)
      real*8      EpDEm (nr__) ! (yr) [1911.94,1992.01]? mean epoch of Dec (4)
      integer*4   Num (nr__) ! [2,36]? Number of positions used
      real*4      q_RAdeg (nr__) ! [0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for mean RA (6)
      real*4      q_DEdeg (nr__) ! [0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for mean Dec (6)
      real*4      q_pmRA (nr__) ! [0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for pmRA (6)
      real*4      q_pmDE (nr__) ! [0.0,9.9]? Goodness of fit for pmDE (6)
      real*4      BTmag (nr__) ! (mag) [2.183,16.581]? Tycho-2 BT magnitude (7)
      real*4      e_BTmag (nr__) ! (mag) [0.014,1.977]? s.e. of BT (7)
      real*4      VTmag (nr__) ! (mag) [1.905,15.193]? Tycho-2 VT magnitude (7)
      real*4      e_VTmag (nr__) ! (mag) [0.009,1.468]? s.e. of VT (7)
      integer*4   prox (nr__) ! (0.1arcsec) [3,999] proximity indicator (8)

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character*1 TYC      (nr_) ! [T] Tycho-1 star (9)
integer*4   HIP      (nr_) ! [1,120404]? Hipparcos number
character*3 CCDM      (nr_) ! CCDM component identifier for HIP stars(10)
real*8      RAdeg     (nr_) ! (deg) Observed Tycho-2 Right Ascension, ICRS
real*8      DEdeg     (nr_) ! (deg) Observed Tycho-2 Declination, ICRS
real*4      EpRA_1990 (nr_) ! (yr) [0.81,2.13] epoch-1990 of RAdeg
real*4      EpDE_1990 (nr_) ! (yr) [0.72,2.36] epoch-1990 of DEdeg
real*4      e_RAdeg   (nr_) ! (mas) s.e.RA*cos(dec), of observed Tycho-2 RA (5)
real*4      e_DEdeg   (nr_) ! (mas) s.e. of observed Tycho-2 Dec (5)
character*1 posflg    (nr_) ! [ DP] type of Tycho-2 solution (11)
real*4      corr      (nr_) ! [-1,1] correlation (RAdeg,DEdeg)

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 \* ' ' = normal mean position and proper motion.  
 \* 'P' = the mean position, proper motion, etc., refer to the photocentre of two Tycho-2 entries, where the BT magnitudes were used in weighting the positions.  
 \* 'X' = no mean position, no proper motion.

\*Note (3):  
 \* The mean position is a weighted mean for the catalogues contributing to the proper motion determination. This mean has then been brought to epoch 2000.0 by the computed proper motion. See Note(2) above for details. Tycho-2 is one of the several catalogues used to determine the mean position and proper motion. The observed Tycho-2 position is given in the fields RAdeg and DEdeg.

\*Note (4):  
 \* The mean epochs are given in Julian years.

\*Note (5):  
 \* The errors are based on error models.

\*Note (6):  
 \* This goodness of fit is the ratio of the scatter-based and the model-based error. It is only defined when Num > 2. Values exceeding 9.9 are truncated to 9.9.

\*Note (7):  
 \* Blank when no magnitude is available. Either BTmag or VTmag is always given. Approximate Johnson photometry may be obtained as:  
 \*  $V = VT - 0.090 \cdot (BT - VT)$   
 \*  $B - V = 0.850 \cdot (BT - VT)$   
 \* Consult Sect 1.3 of Vol 1 of "The Hipparcos and Tycho Catalogues", ESA SP-1200, 1997, for details.

\*Note (8):  
 \* Distance in units of 100 mas to the nearest entry in the Tycho-2 main catalogue or supplement. The distance is computed for the epoch 1991.25. A value of 999 (i.e. 99.9 arcsec) is given if the distance exceeds 99.9 arcsec.

\*Note (9):  
 \* ' ' = no Tycho-1 star was found within 0.8 arcsec (quality 1-8) or 2.4 arcsec (quality 9).  
 \* 'T' = this is a Tycho-1 star. The Tycho-1 identifier is given in the beginning of the record. For Tycho-1 stars, resolved in Tycho-2 as a close pair, both components are flagged as a Tycho-1 star and the Tycho-1 TYC3 is assigned to the brightest (VT) component.  
 \* The HIP-only stars given in Tycho-1 are not flagged as Tycho-1 stars.

\*Note (10):  
 \* The CCDM component identifiers for double or multiple Hipparcos stars contributing to this Tycho-2 entry. For photocentre solutions, all components within 0.8 arcsec contribute. For double star solutions any unresolved component within 0.8 arcsec contributes. For single star solutions, the predicted signal from close stars were normally subtracted in the analysis of the photon counts and such stars therefore do not contribute to the solution. The components are given in lexical order.

\*Note (11):  
 \* ' ' = normal treatment, close stars were subtracted when possible.  
 \* 'D' = double star treatment. Two stars were found. The companion is normally included as a separate Tycho-2 entry, but may have been rejected.  
 \* 'P' = photocentre treatment, close stars were not subtracted. This special treatment was applied to known or suspected doubles which were not successfully (or reliably) resolved in the Tycho-2 double star processing.

\*Note (12): Some Hipparcos stars (having a positive number in the HIP column) have no proper motions; these are virtually all in multiple systems.

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C Declarations for 'suppl\_1.dat' ! The Tycho-2 supplement-1

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integer*4 nr_1
parameter (nr_1=17588)    ! Number of records
character*122 ar_1       ! Full-size record

C J2000 position composed of: RAdeg DEdeg (Epoch=J1991.25)
integer*4 TYC1_1 (nr_1) ! [2,9529] += TYC1 from TYC (1)
integer*4 TYC2_1 (nr_1) ! [1,12112] TYC2 from TYC (1)
integer*4 TYC3_1 (nr_1) ! [1,4] TYC3 from TYC (1)
character*1 flag (nr_1) ! [HT] data from Hipparcos or Tycho-1 (2)
real*8 RAdeg_1 (nr_1) ! (deg) Right Asc, ICRS, at epoch=J1991.25
real*8 DEdeg_1 (nr_1) ! (deg) Decl, ICRS, at epoch=J1991.25
real*8 pmRA_1 (nr_1) ! (mas/yr) []? Proper motion in RA*cos(dec)
real*8 pmDE_1 (nr_1) ! (mas/yr) []? Proper motion in Dec
real*4 e_RAdeg_1 (nr_1) ! (mas) s.e. RA*cos(dec)
real*4 e_DEdeg_1 (nr_1) ! (mas) s.e. of Dec
real*4 e_pmRA_1 (nr_1) ! (mas/yr) []? s.e. prop mot in RA * cos(dec)
real*4 e_pmDE_1 (nr_1) ! (mas/yr) []? s.e. of proper motion in Dec
character*1 mflag (nr_1) ! [ BVH] Note about Tycho magnitudes (3)
real*4 BTmag_1 (nr_1) ! (mag) []? Tycho-1 BT magnitude (4)
real*4 e_BTmag_1 (nr_1) ! (mag) []? s.e. of BT (4)
real*4 VTmag_1 (nr_1) ! (mag) []? Tycho-1 VT or Hp magnitude (4)
real*4 e_VTmag_1 (nr_1) ! (mag) []? s.e. of VT (4)
integer*4 prox_1 (nr_1) ! (0.1arcsec) [1,999] proximity indicator (5)
character*1 TYC_1 (nr_1) ! [ T] Tycho-1 star
integer*4 HIP_1 (nr_1) ! [1,120404]? Hipparcos number
character*1 CDM_1 (nr_1) ! CCDM component identifier for HIP stars

*Note (1): The TYC identifier is constructed from the GSC region number (TYC1),
* the running number within the region (TYC2) and a component identifier
* (TYC3) which is normally 1. The numbers are copied from Tycho-1.
* (see the "Nomenclature Notes" section above)
*Note (2):
* 'H' = data are from Hipparcos and include proper motion.
* 'T' = data are from Tycho-1. No proper motion is given.
*Note (3):
* ' ' = both BT and VT given.
* 'B' = only BT given.
* 'V' = only VT given.
* 'H' = Hp is given instead of VT. BT is blank.
*Note (4):
* Blank when no magnitude is available.
* For Hipparcos stars with no VT, Hp is given instead of VT, and BT is blank.
*Note (5):
* Distance in units of 100 mas to nearest Tycho-2 main or supplement
* entry. (Computed for the epoch 1991.25). A value of 999 (i.e. 99.9
* arcsec) is given if the distance exceeds 99.9 arcsec.

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C -----

C Declarations for 'suppl_2.dat'    ! The Tycho-2 supplement-2

integer*4 nr_2
parameter (nr_2=1146)    ! Number of records
character*122 ar_2       ! Full-size record

C J2000 position composed of: RAdeg DEdeg (Epoch=J1991.25)
integer*4 TYC1_2 (nr_2) ! [2,9529] += TYC1 from TYC (1)
integer*4 TYC2_2 (nr_2) ! [1,12112] TYC2 from TYC (1)
integer*4 TYC3_2 (nr_2) ! [1,4] TYC3 from TYC (1)
character*1 flag_2 (nr_2) ! [HT] data from Hipparcos or Tycho-1 (2)
real*8 RAdeg_2 (nr_2) ! (deg) Right Asc, ICRS, at epoch=J1991.25
real*8 DEdeg_2 (nr_2) ! (deg) Decl, ICRS, at epoch=J1991.25
real*8 pmRA_2 (nr_2) ! (mas/yr) []? Proper motion in RA*cos(dec)
real*8 pmDE_2 (nr_2) ! (mas/yr) []? Proper motion in Dec
real*4 e_RAdeg_2 (nr_2) ! (mas) s.e. RA*cos(dec)
real*4 e_DEdeg_2 (nr_2) ! (mas) s.e. of Dec
real*4 e_pmRA_2 (nr_2) ! (mas/yr) []? s.e. prop mot in RA * cos(dec)
real*4 e_pmDE_2 (nr_2) ! (mas/yr) []? s.e. of proper motion in Dec
character*1 mflag_2 (nr_2) ! [ BVH] Note about Tycho magnitudes (3)
real*4 BTmag_2 (nr_2) ! (mag) []? Tycho-1 BT magnitude (4)
real*4 e_BTmag_2 (nr_2) ! (mag) []? s.e. of BT (4)
real*4 VTmag_2 (nr_2) ! (mag) []? Tycho-1 VT or Hp magnitude (4)
real*4 e_VTmag_2 (nr_2) ! (mag) []? s.e. of VT (4)
integer*4 prox_2 (nr_2) ! (0.1arcsec) [1,999] proximity indicator (5)
character*1 TYC_2 (nr_2) ! [ T] Tycho-1 star
integer*4 HIP_2 (nr_2) ! [1,120404]? Hipparcos number
character*1 CDM_2 (nr_2) ! CCDM component identifier for HIP stars

*Note (1): The TYC identifier is constructed from the GSC region number (TYC1),
* the running number within the region (TYC2) and a component identifier
* (TYC3) which is normally 1. The numbers are copied from Tycho-1.
* (see the "Nomenclature Notes" section above)
*Note (2):
* 'H' = data are from Hipparcos and include proper motion.
* 'T' = data are from Tycho-1. No proper motion is given.
*Note (3):

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*   ' ' = both BT and VT given.
*   'B' = only BT given.
*   'V' = only VT given.
*   'H' = Hp is given instead of VT. BT is blank.
*Note (4):
*   Blank when no magnitude is available.
*   For Hipparcos stars with no VT, Hp is given instead of VT, and BT is blank.
*Note (5):
*   Distance in units of 100 mas to nearest Tycho-2 main or supplement
*   entry. (Computed for the epoch 1991.25). A value of 999 (i.e. 99.9
*   arcsec) is given if the distance exceeds 99.9 arcsec.

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C Declarations for 'index.dat' ! Index to Tycho-2 and supplement-1

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```

integer*4 nr_3
parameter (nr_3=9538)      ! Number of records
character*42 ar_3          ! Full-size record

integer*4   rec_t2      (nr_3) ! + Tycho-2 rec. of 1st star in region (1)
integer*4   rec_sl      (nr_3) ! += Suppl-1 rec. of 1st star in region (1)
real*4      RAmin       (nr_3) ! (deg) [-0.01,] smallest RA in region (2)
real*4      RAmx       (nr_3) ! (deg) [,360.00] largest RA in region (2)
real*4      DEmin       (nr_3) ! (deg) smallest Dec in this region (2)
real*4      DEmx       (nr_3) ! (deg) largest Dec in this region (2)

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*Note (1): The catalogue is sorted according to the GSC region numbers.
*   The line i of the index file gives the record number in Tycho-2 of
*   the first star in GSC region i. Line i+1 gives the record number +1
*   of the last star in GSC region i. For Supplement-1, some regions are
*   empty and line i and line i+1 give the same record number.
*Note (2): a safe rounding was applied. Minimum values are always
*   rounded down and maximum values up.

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C Loading file 'tyc2.dat'      ! *The Tycho-2 main catalogue

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C Format for file interpretation

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```

1 format(
+   I4,1X,I5,1X,I1,1X,A1,1X,F12.8,1X,F12.8,1X,F7.1,1X,F7.1,1X,I3,
+   1X,I3,1X,F4.1,1X,F4.1,1X,F7.2,1X,F7.2,1X,I2,1X,F3.1,1X,F3.1,
+   1X,F3.1,1X,F3.1,1X,F6.3,1X,F6.3,1X,F5.3,1X,F6.3,1X,F5.3,1X,I3,1X,A1,
+   1X,I6,A3,1X,F12.8,1X,F12.8,1X,F4.2,1X,F4.2,1X,F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,
+   A1,1X,F4.1)

```

```

C Effective file loading

```

```

open(unit=1,status='old',file=
+'tyc2.dat')
write(6,*) '....Loading file: tyc2.dat'
do i_ =1,2539913
  read(1,'(A206)')ar_
  read(ar_,1)
+ TYC1(i_),TYC2(i_),TYC3(i_),pflag(i_),RAmdeg(i_),
+ DEdeg(i_),pmRA(i_),pmDE(i_),e_RAmdeg(i_),e_DEdeg(i_),
+ e_pmRA(i_),e_pmDE(i_),EpRAm(i_),EpDEm(i_),Num(i_),
+ q_RAmdeg(i_),q_DEdeg(i_),q_pmRA(i_),q_pmDE(i_),
+ BTmag(i_),e_BTmag(i_),VTmag(i_),e_VTmag(i_),prox(i_),
+ TYC(i_),HIP(i_),CCDM(i_),RAdeg(i_),DEdeg(i_),
+ EpRA_1990(i_),EpDE_1990(i_),e_RAdeg(i_),e_DEdeg(i_),
+ posflg(i_),corr(i_)
  if(ar_(16:27).EQ.'') RAmdeg(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(29:40).EQ.'') DEdeg(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(42:48).EQ.'') pmRA(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(50:56).EQ.'') pmDE(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(58:60).EQ.'') e_RAmdeg(i_) = iNULL_
  if(ar_(62:64).EQ.'') e_DEdeg(i_) = iNULL_
  if(ar_(66:69).EQ.'') e_pmRA(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(71:74).EQ.'') e_pmDE(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(76:82).EQ.'') EpRAm(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(84:90).EQ.'') EpDEm(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(92:93).EQ.'') Num(i_) = iNULL_
  if(ar_(95:97).EQ.'') q_RAmdeg(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(99:101).EQ.'') q_DEdeg(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(103:105).EQ.'') q_pmRA(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(107:109).EQ.'') q_pmDE(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(111:116).EQ.'') BTmag(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(118:122).EQ.'') e_BTmag(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(124:129).EQ.'') VTmag(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(131:135).EQ.'') e_VTmag(i_) = rNULL_
  if(ar_(143:148).EQ.'') HIP(i_) = iNULL_

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c .....Just test output.....

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```

      write(6,1)
+   TYC1(i__),TYC2(i__),TYC3(i__),pflag(i__),RAdeg(i__),
+   DEdeg(i__),pmRA(i__),pmDE(i__),e_RAdeg(i__),e_DEdeg(i__),
+   e_pmRA(i__),e_pmDE(i__),EpRAm(i__),EpDEm(i__),Num(i__),
+   q_RAdeg(i__),q_DEdeg(i__),q_pmRA(i__),q_pmDE(i__),
+   BTmag(i__),e_BTmag(i__),VTmag(i__),e_VTmag(i__),prox(i__),
+   TYC(i__),HIP(i__),CCDM(i__),RAdeg(i__),DEdeg(i__),
+   EpRA_1990(i__),EpDE_1990(i__),e_RAdeg(i__),e_DEdeg(i__),
+   posflag(i__),corr(i__))
c   .....End.of.Just test output.....
      end do
      close(1)

C=====

C Loading file 'suppl_1.dat'    ! The Tycho-2 supplement-1

C Format for file interpretation

      2 format(
+   I4,1X,I5,1X,I1,1X,A1,1X,F12.8,1X,F12.8,1X,F7.1,1X,F7.1,1X,
+   F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,A1,1X,F6.3,1X,F5.3,1X,F6.3,1X,
+   F5.3,1X,I3,1X,A1,1X,I6,A1)

C Effective file loading

      open(unit=1,status='old',file=
+ 'suppl_1.dat')
      write(6,*) '....Loading file: suppl_1.dat'
      do i__=1,17588
        read(1,'(A122)')ar__1
        read(ar__1,2)
+   TYC1_1(i__),TYC2_1(i__),TYC3_1(i__),flag(i__),RAdeg_1(i__),
+   DEdeg_1(i__),pmRA_1(i__),pmDE_1(i__),e_RAdeg_1(i__),
+   e_DEdeg_1(i__),e_pmRA_1(i__),e_pmDE_1(i__),mflag(i__),
+   BTmag_1(i__),e_BTmag_1(i__),VTmag_1(i__),e_VTmag_1(i__),
+   prox_1(i__),TYC_1(i__),HIP_1(i__),CCDM_1(i__))
        if(ar__1(42:48).EQ.' ') pmRA_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(50:56).EQ.' ') pmDE_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(70:74).EQ.' ') e_pmRA_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(76:80).EQ.' ') e_pmDE_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(84:89).EQ.' ') BTmag_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(91:95).EQ.' ') e_BTmag_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(97:102).EQ.' ') VTmag_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(104:108).EQ.' ') e_VTmag_1(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__1(116:121).EQ.' ') HIP_1(i__) = iNULL__
c   .....Just test output.....
        write(6,2)
+   TYC1_1(i__),TYC2_1(i__),TYC3_1(i__),flag(i__),RAdeg_1(i__),
+   DEdeg_1(i__),pmRA_1(i__),pmDE_1(i__),e_RAdeg_1(i__),
+   e_DEdeg_1(i__),e_pmRA_1(i__),e_pmDE_1(i__),mflag(i__),
+   BTmag_1(i__),e_BTmag_1(i__),VTmag_1(i__),e_VTmag_1(i__),
+   prox_1(i__),TYC_1(i__),HIP_1(i__),CCDM_1(i__))
c   .....End.of.Just test output.....
      end do
      close(1)

C=====

C Loading file 'suppl_2.dat'    ! The Tycho-2 supplement-2

C Format for file interpretation

      3 format(
+   I4,1X,I5,1X,I1,1X,A1,1X,F12.8,1X,F12.8,1X,F7.1,1X,F7.1,1X,
+   F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,F5.1,1X,A1,1X,F6.3,1X,F5.3,1X,F6.3,1X,
+   F5.3,1X,I3,1X,A1,1X,I6,A1)

C Effective file loading

      open(unit=1,status='old',file=
+ 'suppl_2.dat')
      write(6,*) '....Loading file: suppl_2.dat'
      do i__=1,1146
        read(1,'(A122)')ar__2
        read(ar__2,3)
+   TYC1_2(i__),TYC2_2(i__),TYC3_2(i__),flag_1(i__),RAdeg_2(i__),
+   DEdeg_2(i__),pmRA_2(i__),pmDE_2(i__),e_RAdeg_2(i__),
+   e_DEdeg_2(i__),e_pmRA_2(i__),e_pmDE_2(i__),mflag_1(i__),
+   BTmag_2(i__),e_BTmag_2(i__),VTmag_2(i__),e_VTmag_2(i__),
+   prox_2(i__),TYC_2(i__),HIP_2(i__),CCDM_2(i__))
        if(ar__2(42:48).EQ.' ') pmRA_2(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__2(50:56).EQ.' ') pmDE_2(i__) = rNULL__
        if(ar__2(70:74).EQ.' ') e_pmRA_2(i__) = rNULL__

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      if(ar_2(76:80) .EQ. '') e_pmDE_2(i_) = rNULL__
      if(ar_2(84:89) .EQ. '') BTmag_2(i_) = rNULL__
      if(ar_2(91:95) .EQ. '') e_BTmag_2(i_) = rNULL__
      if(ar_2(97:102) .EQ. '') VTmag_2(i_) = rNULL__
      if(ar_2(104:108) .EQ. '') e_VTmag_2(i_) = rNULL__
      if(ar_2(116:121) .EQ. '') HIP_2(i_) = iNULL__
C .....Just test output.....
      write(6,3)
+   TYC1_2(i_),TYC2_2(i_),TYC3_2(i_),flag_1(i_),RAdeg_2(i_),
+   DEdeg_2(i_),pmRA_2(i_),pmDE_2(i_),e_RAdeg_2(i_),
+   e_DEdeg_2(i_),e_pmRA_2(i_),e_pmDE_2(i_),mflag_1(i_),
+   BTmag_2(i_),e_BTmag_2(i_),VTmag_2(i_),e_VTmag_2(i_),
+   prox_2(i_),TYC_2(i_),HIP_2(i_),CCDM_2(i_)
C .....End.of.Just test output.....
      end do
      close(1)

C=====

C Loading file 'index.dat'      ! Index to Tycho-2 and supplement-1

C Format for file interpretation

      4 format(I7,1X,I6,1X,F6.2,1X,F6.2,1X,F6.2,1X,F6.2)

C Effective file loading

      open(unit=1,status='old',file=
+ 'index.dat')
      write(6,*) '....Loading file: index.dat'
      do i_=1,9538
        read(1,'(A42)')ar__3
        read(ar__3,4)
+   rec_t2(i_),rec_sl(i_),RAmin(i_),RAmax(i_),DEmin(i_),
+   DEmax(i_)
C .....Just test output.....
        write(6,4)
+   rec_t2(i_),rec_sl(i_),RAmin(i_),RAmax(i_),DEmin(i_),
+   DEmax(i_)
C .....End.of.Just test output.....
      end do
      close(1)

C=====

      stop
      end

```



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# An Introduction To The SQLite C/C++ Interface

## 1.0 Executive Summary

The following two objects and eight methods comprise the essential elements of the SQLite interface:

<a href="#"><u>sqlite3</u></a>	The database connection object. Created by <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_open()</u></a> and destroyed by <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_close()</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_stmt</u></a>	The prepared statement object. Created by <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_prepare()</u></a> and destroyed by <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_finalize()</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_open()</u></a>	Open a connection to a new or existing SQLite database. The constructor for <a href="#"><u>sqlite3</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_prepare()</u></a>	Compile SQL text into byte-code that will do the work of querying or updating the database. The constructor for <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_stmt</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_bind()</u></a>	Store application data into <a href="#"><u>parameters</u></a> of the original SQL.
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_step()</u></a>	Advance an <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_stmt</u></a> to the next result row or to completion.
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_column()</u></a>	Column values in the current result row for an <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_stmt</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_finalize()</u></a>	Destructor for <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_stmt</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_close()</u></a>	Destructor for <a href="#"><u>sqlite3</u></a> .
<a href="#"><u>sqlite3_exec()</u></a>	A wrapper function that does <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_prepare()</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_step()</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_column()</u></a> , and <a href="#"><u>sqlite3_finalize()</u></a> for a string of one or more SQL statements.

## 2.0 Introduction

SQLite currently has over 200 distinct APIs. This can be overwhelming to a new programmer. Fortunately, most of the interfaces are very specialized and need not be considered by beginners. The core API is small, simple, and easy to learn. This article summarizes the core API.

A separate document, [The SQLite C/C++ Interface](#), provides detailed specifications for all C/C++ APIs for SQLite. Once the reader understands the basic principles of operation for SQLite, [that document](#) should be used as a reference guide. This article is intended as introduction only and is neither a complete nor authoritative reference for the SQLite API.

## 3.0 Core Objects And Interfaces

The principal task of an SQL database engine is to evaluate SQL statements of SQL. To accomplish this, the developer needs two objects:

- The [database connection](#) object: `sqlite3`

- The [prepared statement](#) object: `sqlite3_stmt`

Strictly speaking, the [prepared statement](#) object is not required since the convenience wrapper interfaces, [sqlite3\\_exec](#) or [sqlite3\\_get\\_table](#), can be used and these convenience wrappers encapsulate and hide the [prepared statement](#) object. Nevertheless, an understanding of [prepared statements](#) is needed to make full use of SQLite.

The [database connection](#) and [prepared statement](#) objects are controlled by a small set of C/C++ interface routine listed below.

- [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_finalize\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_close\(\)](#)

Note that the list of routines above is conceptual rather than actual. Many of these routines come in multiple versions. For example, the list above shows a single routine named [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#) when in fact there are three separate routines that accomplish the same thing in slightly different ways: [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#), [sqlite3\\_open16\(\)](#) and [sqlite3\\_open\\_v2\(\)](#). The list mentions [sqlite3\\_column\(\)](#) when in fact no such routine exists. The "sqlite3\_column()" shown in the list is place holders for an entire family of routines to be used for extracting column data in various datatypes.

Here is a summary of what the core interfaces do:

[sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#) This routine opens a connection to an SQLite database file and returns a [database connection](#) object. This is often the first SQLite API call that an application makes and is a prerequisite for most other SQLite APIs. Many SQLite interfaces require a pointer to the [database connection](#) object as their first parameter and can be thought of as methods on the [database connection](#) object. This routine is the constructor for the [database connection](#) object.

[sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) This routine converts SQL text into a [prepared statement](#) object and returns a pointer to that object. This interface requires a [database connection](#) pointer created by a prior call to [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#) and a text string containing the SQL statement to be prepared. This API does not actually evaluate the SQL statement. It merely prepares the SQL statement for evaluation.

Think of each SQL statement as a small computer program. The purpose of [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) is to compile that program into object code. The [prepared statement](#) is the object code. The [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) interface then runs the object code to get a result.

New applications should always invoke [sqlite3\\_prepare\\_v2\(\)](#) instead of [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#). The older [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) is retained for backwards compatibility. But [sqlite3\\_prepare\\_v2\(\)](#) provides a much better interface.

[sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) This routine is used to evaluate a [prepared statement](#) that has been previously created by the [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) interface. The statement is evaluated up to the point where the first row of results are available. To advance to the second row of results, invoke [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) again. Continue invoking [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) until the statement is complete. Statements that do not

return results (ex: INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statements) run to completion on a single call to [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#).

[sqlite3\\_column\(\)](#) This routine returns a single column from the current row of a result set for a [prepared statement](#) that is being evaluated by [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#). Each time [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) stops with a new result set row, this routine can be called multiple times to find the values of all columns in that row.

As noted above, there really is no such thing as a "sqlite3\_column()" function in the SQLite API. Instead, what we here call "sqlite3\_column()" is a placeholder for an entire family of functions that return a value from the result set in various data types. There are also routines in this family that return the size of the result (if it is a string or BLOB) and the number of columns in the result set.

- [sqlite3\\_column\\_blob\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_bytes\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_bytes16\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_count\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_double\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_int\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_int64\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_text\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_text16\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_type\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_column\\_value\(\)](#)

[sqlite3\\_finalize\(\)](#) This routine destroys a [prepared statement](#) created by a prior call to [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#). Every prepared statement must be destroyed using a call to this routine in order to avoid memory leaks.

[sqlite3\\_close\(\)](#) This routine closes a [database connection](#) previously opened by a call to [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#). All [prepared statements](#) associated with the connection should be [finalized](#) prior to closing the connection.

### 3.1 Typical Usage Of Core Routines And Objects

An application will typically use [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#) to create a single [database connection](#) during initialization. Note that [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#) can be used to either open existing database files or to create and open new database files. While many applications use only a single [database connection](#), there is no reason why an application cannot call [sqlite3\\_open\(\)](#) multiple times in order to open multiple [database connections](#) - either to the same database or to different databases. Sometimes a multi-threaded application will create separate [database connections](#) for each threads. Note that a single [database connection](#) can access two or more databases using the [ATTACH](#) SQL command, so it is not necessary to have a separate database connection for each database file.

Many applications destroy their [database connections](#) using calls to [sqlite3\\_close\(\)](#) at shutdown. Or, for example, an application that uses SQLite as its [application file format](#) might open [database connections](#) in response to a File/Open menu action and then destroy the corresponding [database connection](#) in response to the File/Close menu.

To run an SQL statement, the application follows these steps:

1. Create a [prepared statement](#) using [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#).
2. Evaluate the [prepared statement](#) by calling [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) one or more times.
3. For queries, extract results by calling [sqlite3\\_column\(\)](#) in between two calls to [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#).
4. Destroy the [prepared statement](#) using [sqlite3\\_finalize\(\)](#).

The foregoing is all one really needs to know in order to use SQLite effectively. All the rest is optimization and detail.

## 4.0 Convenience Wrappers Around Core Routines

The [sqlite3\\_exec\(\)](#) interface is a convenience wrapper that carries out all four of the above steps with a single function call. A callback function passed into [sqlite3\\_exec\(\)](#) is used to process each row of the result set. The [sqlite3\\_get\\_table\(\)](#) is another convenience wrapper that does all four of the above steps. The [sqlite3\\_get\\_table\(\)](#) interface differs from [sqlite3\\_exec\(\)](#) in that it stores the results of queries in heap memory rather than invoking a callback.

It is important to realize that neither [sqlite3\\_exec\(\)](#) nor [sqlite3\\_get\\_table\(\)](#) do anything that cannot be accomplished using the core routines. In fact, these wrappers are implemented purely in terms of the core routines.

## 5.0 Binding Parameters and Reusing Prepared Statements

In prior discussion, it was assumed that each SQL statement is prepared once, evaluated, then destroyed. However, SQLite allows the same [prepared statement](#) to be evaluated multiple times. This is accomplished using the following routines:

- [sqlite3\\_reset\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_bind\(\)](#)

After a [prepared statement](#) has been evaluated by one or more calls to [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#), it can be reset in order to be evaluated again by a call to [sqlite3\\_reset\(\)](#). Think of [sqlite3\\_reset\(\)](#) as rewinding the [prepared statement](#) program back to the beginning. Using [sqlite3\\_reset\(\)](#) on an existing [prepared statement](#) rather than creating a new [prepared statement](#) avoids unnecessary calls to [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#). For many SQL statements, the time needed to run [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) equals or exceeds the time needed by [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#). So avoiding calls to [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) can give a significant performance improvement.

It is not commonly useful to evaluate the *exact* same SQL statement more than once. More often, one wants to evaluate similar statements. For example, you might want to evaluate an INSERT statement multiple times with different values. Or you might want to evaluate the same query multiple times using a different key in the WHERE clause. To accommodate this, SQLite allows SQL statements to contain [parameters](#) which are "bound" to values prior to being evaluated. These values can later be changed and the same [prepared statement](#) can be evaluated a second time using the new values.

SQLite allows a [parameter](#) wherever a string literal, numeric constant, or NULL is allowed. (Parameters may not be used for column or table names.) A [parameter](#) takes one of the following forms:

- ?
- ?NNN
- :AAA
- \$AAA
- @AAA

In the examples above, *NNN* is an integer value and *AAA* is an identifier. A parameter initially has a value of NULL. Prior to calling [sqlite3\\_step\(\)](#) for the first time or immediately after [sqlite3\\_reset\(\)](#), the application can invoke the [sqlite3\\_bind\(\)](#) interfaces to attach values to the parameters. Each call to [sqlite3\\_bind\(\)](#) overrides prior bindings on the same parameter.

An application is allowed to prepare multiple SQL statements in advance and evaluate them as needed. There is no arbitrary limit to the number of outstanding [prepared statements](#). Some applications call [sqlite3\\_prepare\(\)](#) multiple times at start-up to create all of the [prepared statements](#) they will ever need. Other applications keep a cache of the most recently used [prepared statements](#) and then reuse [prepared statements](#) out of the cache when available. Another approach is to only reuse [prepared statements](#) when they are inside of a loop.

## 6.0 Configuring SQLite

The default configuration for SQLite works great for most applications. But sometimes developers want to tweak the setup to try to squeeze out a little more performance, or take advantage of some obscure feature.

The [sqlite3\\_config\(\)](#) interface is used to make global, process-wide configuration changes for SQLite. The [sqlite3\\_config\(\)](#) interface must be called before any [database connections](#) are created. The [sqlite3\\_config\(\)](#) interface allows the programmer to do things like:

- Adjust how SQLite does [memory allocation](#), including setting up alternative memory allocators appropriate for safety-critical real-time embedded systems and application-defined memory allocators.
- Set up a process-wide [error log](#).
- Specify an application-defined page cache.
- Adjust the use of mutexes so that they are appropriate for various [threading models](#), or substitute an application-defined mutex system.

After process-wide configuration is complete and [database connections](#) have been created, individual database connections can be configured using calls to [sqlite3\\_limit\(\)](#) and [sqlite3\\_db\\_config\(\)](#).

## 7.0 Extending SQLite

SQLite includes interfaces that can be used to extend its functionality. Such routines include:

- [sqlite3\\_create\\_collation\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_create\\_function\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_create\\_module\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_vfs\\_register\(\)](#)

The [sqlite3\\_create\\_collation\(\)](#) interface is used to create new [collating sequences](#) for sorting text. The [sqlite3\\_create\\_module\(\)](#) interface is used to register new [virtual table](#) implementations. The [sqlite3\\_vfs\\_register\(\)](#) interface creates new [VFSes](#).

The [sqlite3\\_create\\_function\(\)](#) interface creates new SQL functions - either scalar or aggregate. The new function implementation typically makes use of the following additional interfaces:

- [sqlite3\\_aggregate\\_context\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_result\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_user\\_data\(\)](#)
- [sqlite3\\_value\(\)](#)

All of the built-in SQL functions of SQLite are created using exactly these same interfaces. Refer to the SQLite source code, and in particular the [date.c](#) and [func.c](#) source files for examples.

Shared libraries or DLLs can be used as [loadable extensions](#) to SQLite.

## 8.0 Other Interfaces

This article only mentions the most important and most commonly used SQLite interfaces. The SQLite library includes many other APIs implementing useful features that are not described here. A [complete list of functions](#) that form the SQLite application programming interface is found at the [C/C++ Interface Specification](#). Refer to that document for complete and authoritative information about all SQLite interfaces.



# UBV photometric system

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The **UBV photometric system**, also called the Johnson system (or Johnson-Morgan system), is a wide band photometric system for classifying stars according to their colors. It is the first known standardized photoelectric photometric system. The letters U, B, and V stand for ultraviolet, blue, and visual magnitudes, which are measured for a star in order to classify it in the UBV system.<sup>[1]</sup> The choice of colors on the blue end of the spectrum is because of the bias that photographic film has for those colors. It was introduced in the 1950s by American astronomers Harold Lester Johnson and William Wilson Morgan. A 13" telescope and the 82" telescope at McDonald Observatory were used to define the system.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

The filters are selected so that the mean wavelengths of response functions are 364 nm for U, 442 nm for B, 540 nm for V. The zero point of the B−V and U−B color indices were defined such as to be about zero for A0 main sequence stars not affected by interstellar reddening.<sup>[1]</sup>

The UBV system has some disadvantages. The short wavelength cutoff of the U filter is defined mainly by the terrestrial atmosphere rather than the filter itself; thus, it (and observed magnitudes) can vary with altitude and atmospheric conditions.<sup>[3]</sup> However, a large number of measurements have been made in this system, including many of the bright stars.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Extensions

The Johnson-Cousins UBVRI photometric system is a common extension of Johnson's original system that provides redder passbands.

## See also

- Photometric system
- Stellar classification

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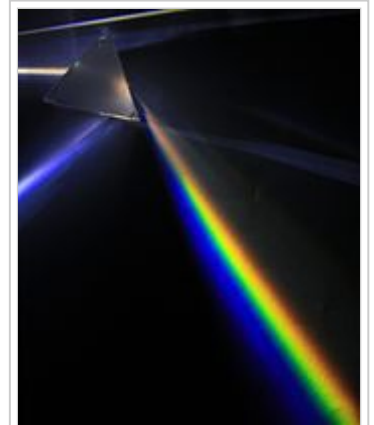
# Visible spectrum

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The **visible spectrum** is the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that is visible to the human eye. Electromagnetic radiation in this range of wavelengths is called **visible light** or simply light. A typical human eye will respond to wavelengths from about 390 to 700 nm.<sup>[1]</sup> In terms of frequency, this corresponds to a band in the vicinity of 430–770 THz.

The spectrum does not, however, contain all the colors that the human eyes and brain can distinguish. Unsaturated colors such as pink, or purple variations such as magenta, are absent, for example, because they can be made only by a mix of multiple wavelengths. Colors containing only one wavelength are also called pure colors or spectral colors.

Visible wavelengths pass through the "optical window", the region of the electromagnetic spectrum that allows wavelengths to pass largely unattenuated through the Earth's atmosphere. An example of this phenomenon is that clean air scatters blue light more than red wavelengths, and so the midday sky appears blue. The optical window is also referred to as the "visible window" because it overlaps the human visible response spectrum. The near infrared (NIR) window lies just out of the human vision, as well as the Medium Wavelength IR (MWIR) window, and the Long Wavelength or Far Infrared (LWIR or FIR) window, although other animals may experience them.



White light is dispersed by a prism into the colors of the visible spectrum.

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## History

In the 13th century, Roger Bacon theorized that rainbows were produced by a similar process to the passage of light through glass or crystal.<sup>[2]</sup>

In the 17th century, Isaac Newton discovered that prisms could disassemble and reassemble white light, and described the phenomenon in his book *Opticks*. He was the first to use the word *spectrum* (Latin for "appearance" or "apparition") in this sense in print in 1671 in describing his experiments in optics. Newton observed that, when a narrow beam of sunlight strikes the face of a glass prism at an angle, some is reflected and some of the beam passes into and through the glass, emerging as different-colored bands. Newton hypothesized light to be made up of "corpuscles" (particles) of different colors, with the different colors of light moving at different speeds in transparent matter, red light moving more quickly than violet in glass. The result is that red light is bent (refracted) less sharply than violet as it passes through the prism, creating a spectrum of colors.

Newton divided the spectrum into seven named colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. He chose seven colors out of a belief, derived from the ancient Greek sophists, of there being a connection between the colors, the musical notes, the known objects in the solar system, and the days of the week.<sup>[3][4]</sup> The human eye is relatively insensitive to indigo's frequencies, and some people who have otherwise-good vision cannot distinguish indigo from blue and violet. For this reason, some later commentators, including Isaac Asimov,<sup>[5]</sup> have suggested that indigo should not be regarded as a color in its own right but merely as a shade of blue or violet. However, the evidence indicates that what Newton meant by "indigo" and "blue" does not correspond to the modern meanings of those color words. Comparing Newton's observation of prismatic colors to a color image of the visible light spectrum shows that "indigo" corresponds to what is today called blue, whereas "blue" corresponds to cyan.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup>

In the 18th century, Goethe wrote about optical spectra in his *Theory of Colours*. Goethe used the word *spectrum* (*Spektrum*) to designate a ghostly optical afterimage, as did Schopenhauer in *On Vision and Colors*. Goethe argued that the continuous spectrum was a compound phenomenon. Where Newton narrowed the beam of light to isolate the phenomenon, Goethe observed that a wider aperture produces not a spectrum but rather reddish-yellow and blue-cyan edges with white between them. The spectrum appears only when these edges are close enough to overlap.

In the early 19th century, the concept of the visible spectrum became more definite, as light outside the visible range was discovered and characterized by William Herschel (infrared) and Johann Wilhelm Ritter (ultraviolet), Thomas Young, Thomas Johann Seebeck, and others.<sup>[9]</sup> Young was the first to measure the wavelengths of different colors of light, in 1802.<sup>[10]</sup>

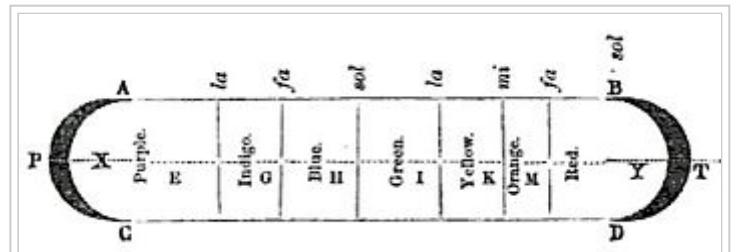
The connection between the visible spectrum and color vision was explored by Thomas Young and Hermann von Helmholtz in the early 19th century. Their theory of color vision correctly proposed that the eye uses three distinct receptors to perceive color.

## Animal color vision

Many species can see light with frequencies outside the human "visible spectrum". Bees and many other insects can detect ultraviolet light, which helps them find nectar in flowers. Plant species that depend on insect pollination may owe reproductive success to their appearance in ultraviolet light rather than how colorful they appear to humans. Birds, too, can see into the ultraviolet (300–400 nm), and some have sex-dependent markings on their plumage that are visible only in the ultraviolet range.<sup>[11][12]</sup> Many animals that can see into the ultraviolet range, however, cannot see red light or any other reddish wavelengths. Bees' visible spectrum ends at about 590 nm, just before the orange wavelengths start.<sup>[13]</sup> Birds, however, can see some red wavelengths, although not as far into the light spectrum as humans.<sup>[14]</sup> The popular belief that the common goldfish is the only animal that can see both



Newton's color circle, from *Opticks* of 1704, showing the colors correlated with musical notes. The spectral colors from red to violet are divided by the notes of the musical scale, starting at D. The circle completes a full octave, from D to D. Newton's circle places red, at one end of the spectrum, next to violet, at the other. This reflects the fact that non-spectral purple colors are observed when red and violet light are mixed.



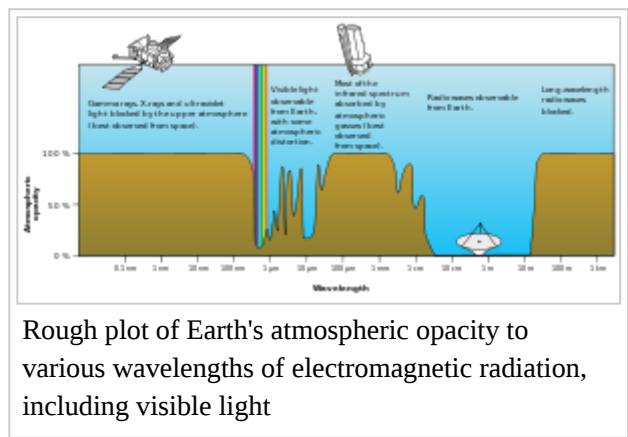
Newton's observation of prismatic colors (David Brewster 1855)

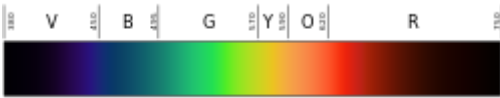
infrared and ultraviolet light <sup>[15]</sup> is incorrect, because goldfish cannot see infrared light.<sup>[16]</sup> Similarly, dogs are often thought to be color blind but they have been shown to be sensitive to colors, though not as many as humans.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Spectral colors

Colors that can be produced by visible light of a narrow band of wavelengths (monochromatic light) are called pure spectral colors. The various color ranges indicated in the illustration are an approximation: The spectrum is continuous, with no clear boundaries between one color and the next.<sup>[18]</sup>

## Spectroscopy



			
Color	Wavelength	Frequency	Photon energy
violet	380–450 nm	668–789 THz	2.75–3.26 eV
blue	450–495 nm	606–668 THz	2.50–2.75 eV
green	495–570 nm	526–606 THz	2.17–2.50 eV
yellow	570–590 nm	508–526 THz	2.10–2.17 eV
orange	590–620 nm	484–508 THz	2.00–2.10 eV
red	620–750 nm	400–484 THz	1.65–2.00 eV

Spectroscopy is the study of objects based on the spectrum of color they emit, absorb or reflect. Spectroscopy is an important investigative tool in astronomy, where scientists use it to analyze the properties of distant objects. Typically, astronomical spectroscopy uses high-dispersion diffraction gratings to observe spectra at very high spectral resolutions. Helium was first detected by analysis of the spectrum of the sun. Chemical elements can be detected in astronomical objects by emission lines and absorption lines.

The shifting of spectral lines can be used to measure the Doppler shift (red shift or blue shift) of distant objects.

## Color display spectrum

Color displays (e.g. computer monitors and televisions) cannot reproduce *all* colors discernible by a human eye. Colors outside the color gamut of the device, such as most spectral colors, can only be approximated. For color-accurate reproduction, a spectrum can be projected onto a uniform gray field. The resulting mixed colors can have all their R,G,B coordinates non-negative, and so can be reproduced without distortion. This accurately simulates looking at a spectrum on a gray background.<sup>[19]</sup>



Approximation of spectral colors on a display results in somewhat distorted chromaticity



A rendering of the visible spectrum on a gray background produces non-spectral mixtures of pure spectrum with gray, which fit into the sRGB color space.

## See also

- High-energy visible light



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