

Writing Your Own Tool Set A Summary of Information from the Tool Locator ERS

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What's in a Tool Set?

Every tool set has the following components:

Function Pointer Table
Individual Functions

Some tool sets have

Auxiliary routines called by the individual functions

The Function Pointer Table

The Function Pointer Table (FPT) is a table with four byte entries. It has the following format:

Count+1	4 bytes	Number of Functions plus one
Addr of F1 - 1	4 bytes	Pointer to Boot init function minus one
Addr of F2 - 1	4 bytes	Pointer to Startup function minus one
Addr of F3 - 1	4 bytes	Pointer to Shutdown function minus one
Addr of F4 - 1	4 bytes	Pointer to Version function minus one
Addr of F5 - 1	4 bytes	Pointer to Reset function minus one
NotImp-1	4 bytes	Pointer to NotImp minus one
NotImp-1	4 bytes	Pointer to NotImp minus one
NotImp-1	4 bytes	Pointer to NotImp minus one
Addr of F9 - 1	4 bytes	Pointer to first non required function in tool set minus one

And so on...

Installing Your Tool Set

So you will write code that has an FPT like this with pointers to your code. After you have this you will want to install your tool into the system. You do this by calling the tool locator function SetTSPtr. SetTSPtr takes three inputs as follows:

SystemOrUser	word	\$0000 for system tool, \$8000 for user tool set.
Tool Set Number	word	a number between 1 and 255
Pointer to FPT	long	A four byte pointer to the FTP described above.

When SetTSPtr is called, your tools is installed in the system and its boot initialization function call is executed.

A handy way to do this in the current environment is to assemble code that contains your tool set and precede it with a routine to install it in the system. (An example of this follows.) This way you can BRUN your code file from Applesoft BASIC and have your tool installed. If you want to make sure that your code runs outside of bank zero, you can have the installation routine move it to another bank before the tool set is installed.

What about Memory Use?

There are three kinds of tools: 1) those that do not have any information that must live between calls. 2) those that have information that must live between calls but that information can be anywhere in memory; and 3) those that must have information that lives between calls in bank zero. The first case is easy, there is no extra work to do. Cases 2 and 3 require that the tool to do a little work to prevent it from using fixed memory locations.

The Tool Locator provides a facility for doing this. It maintains a Work Area Pointer Table (WAPT). This is a table with entries for each tool in the system. The tool can put any value it wants in the table. So if a tool needs memory of type 2, it can ask the memory manager for memory and put the handle to that memory in the WAPT. Case 3 is a little trickier. We have a convention that tools do not use memory in bank zero unless that memory is given to it by the Application. Tools that work this way are QuickDraw II and the event manager. Both these tools require that the application pass the address of memory in bank zero that can be used for zero page. Both these tools put this address in the WAPT.

The tool locator provides two calls to help tool sets maintain work area information: GetWAP and SetWAP.

Function Execution Environment

When your function is called, the machine is in full native mode and the three registers are set with specific information to make the function's job easier.

A-Reg	low word of entry in WAPT for tool
Y-Reg	high word of entry in WAPT for tool
X-Reg	Function number and Tool number

The stack is as follows on function entry.

Params	7	TOS just before call
RTL from Call	4	
Another RTL	1	
	0	Current TOS

(TOS is top of stack.) It is the functions responsibility to clean of any input parameters from the stack before executing an RTL (unless the function is documented as doing something different).

Signaling Errors

By convention, functions return an error code in the a register and signal the error with the carry flag. (Carry clear and zero in the a register indicates no error.) Error codes have the following format:

Tool Set Number	High Byte
Msg Number	Low Byte

The high byte of the error code is set to the tool set number generating the error. This way a quick draw call can pass on a error message from the memory manager in an intelligent way.

The Example

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;-----
Install      START

              clic                ; switch to full native mode and
              xce                ; save initial state
              php

              rep #$30           ; 16 bit registers

              PushWord #0        ; signal a system tool
              PushWord #$23      ; Put the tool number on the stack
              PushLong #CallTable ; Point to call table
              _SetTSPtr

              plp                ; restore machine state
              xce
              rts

              END

;-----
CallTable    START

              long (TheEnd-CallTable)/4

              long MyBootInit-1
              long MyStartUp-1
              long MyShutDown-1
              long MyVersion-1
              long MyReset-1
              long NotImp-1
              long NotImp-1
              long NotImp-1

              long FirstFunc-1
              long LastFunc-1

TheEND

              END

;-----
MyBootInit   START                ; called when installed

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lda #0
clc
rtl

END

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;-----
MyStartUp  START                ; user passes me the loc to use in
                                           ; bank zero as word.

RTL1       equ 1
RTL2       equ RTL1+3
ZPToUse    equ RTL2+3

lda ZPToUse,s                ; get users value

pea 0                ; system call
pea $23             ; tool set number
pea 0                ; high word is zero
pha                ; low word is user's value
_SetWAP           ; set it

lda #0
clc
rtl

END

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;-----
MyShutDown START

cmp #0
beq nevermind

pea 0                ; clear out the WAPT entry
pea $23
pea 0
pea 0
_SetWAP

nevermind  lda #0
           clc
           rtl

           END

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-----  
MyVersion  START  
RTL1      equ 1  
RTL2      equ RTL1+3  
VerNum    equ RTL2+3  
  
          lda #$90                ; version 1.0 prototype  
          sta VerNum,s  
          lda #0  
          clc  
          rti  
  
          END
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-----  
MyReset   START  
  
          lda #0  
          clc  
          rti  
  
          END
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-----  
NotImp    START  
  
          lda #$23FF  
          sec  
          rti  
  
          END
```

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-----  
FirstFunc START  
  
          lda #0  
          clc  
          rti  
  
          END
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-----  
LastFunc  START  
  
          lda #0  
          clc
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rtl

END

: Notes

- : The long directive deposits a 4-byte value in memory low bytes first
- : The PushWord macro pushes a word onto the stack (either from a memory location or with a pea if # is used).
- : The PushLong macro pushes a long on the stack (either from memory or with two peas if # is used).

