

Apple II File Type Notes



Developer Technical Support

File Type: **\$5A (90)**

Auxiliary Type: **\$802F**

Full Name: Cool Cursor document

Short Name: Cool Cursor document

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Files of this type and auxiliary type contain cursor resources for Cool Cursor.

Cool Cursor is a commercial Control Panel available from **GS+** Magazine. It replaces the normal watch cursor with an animated cursor defined by the `rCursor` resources in a Cool Cursor document.

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File Format

A Cool Cursor document is an extended file with an empty data fork. The resource fork must contain an `rpString` (\$8006) resource with an ID of \$00000001, which is the name of the cursor. The cursor name is displayed in a list and must uniquely identify the cursor (i.e. there cannot be two cursors named “Beachball.”) To make sure your cursor’s name will not conflict with existing cursor names you may contact **GS+** Magazine.

There are two lists of `rCursor` (\$8027) resources—one list for 640 mode and one list for 320 mode. Both lists are optional, and if absent the cursor will default to the standard QuickDraw Auxiliary `waitCursor`. The 640 mode `rCursor` list is a contiguous set of resources that starts at resource ID \$00001000 and can increase to \$00001FFF. The 320 mode `rCursor` list is

a contiguous set of resources that starts at resource ID \$00002000 and can increase to \$00002FFF.

For example, a Cool Cursor document called “Beachball” that contained a two-frame animation for both 640 and 320 modes would have resources as shown in Table 1:

Type name	Resource ID	Resource Contents
rPString	\$00000001	Beachball
rCursor	\$00001000	the first 640 mode cursor frame
rCursor	\$00001001	the second 640 mode cursor frame
rCursor	\$00002000	the first 320 mode cursor frame
rCursor	\$00002001	the second 320 mode cursor frame

Table 1—Cool Cursor Example Resource List

Further Reference

- Apple IIGS Technical Note #76, Miscellaneous Resource Formats