

Apple II File Type Notes



Developer Technical Support

File Type: **\$B8 (184)**

Auxiliary Type: **All**

Full Name: Apple IIGS New Desk Accessory

Short Name: New Desk Accessory

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Files of this type contain Apple IIGS New Desk Accessories in OMF format.

New Desk Accessories are available under the Apple menu of Apple IIGS desktop applications.

Files of type \$B8 in the System:Desk.Accs directory of the boot volume are automatically loaded with the Loader and installed into the system with `InstallNDA` at boot time. Bit 15 of the auxiliary type is the “inactive” bit—if it’s set, the system does not load the file. All other bits in the auxiliary type are reserved and should be zero.

NDAs are stored on disk in Object Module Format, which is defined in Appendix F of *GS/OS Reference* for GS/OS System Software 5.0. Once the Loader brings your NDA’s code into memory, the format is as specified in the Desk Manager chapter of *Apple IIGS Toolbox Reference*, volume 1.

NDA authors should be sure to read the material listed under “Further Reference.”

Further Reference

- *Apple IIGS Toolbox Reference*, Volumes 1-3
- *GS/OS Reference* for System Software 5.0
- Apple IIGS Technical Note #12, Tool Set Interdependencies
- Apple IIGS Technical Note #53, Desk Accessories and Tools
- Apple IIGS Technical Note #71, Desk Accessory Tips and Techniques
- Apple IIGS Technical Note #83, Resource Manager Stuff
- Apple IIGS Technical Note #84, TaskMaster Madness
- Apple IIGS Sample Code Note #19, ActionNDA