

Apple II File Type Notes



Developer Technical Support

File Type: **\$BA (186)**
Auxiliary Type: **All**

Full Name: Apple IIGS Tool File
Short Name: Tool

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Files of this type and auxiliary type contain Apple IIGS tool sets.

Files of type \$BA contain Apple IIGS tool sets, designed to be called by the Tool Locator. The data fork is in OMF format; once it's been loaded by `InitialLoad` or `InitialLoad2`, the image in RAM starts with the tool set's function pointer table (FPT). The resource fork, if it exists, should be empty or in Apple IIGS Resource Manager format.

All RAM-based system tools are contained in the System folder of the boot volume, and are named by tool number (for example, tool #27 is named TOOL027). This convention is for system tools only.

User tools can reside in any directory (the directory with the application is a good choice) and may follow any naming conventions. User tool sets should also use file type \$BA.

Please note that all system tool set numbers and names are reserved for Apple Computer, Inc. Third-party developers must **not** create tools using any system tool set numbers.

Further Reference

- *Apple IIGS Toolbox Reference*, Volume 2, Appendix A
- Apple IIGS Technical Note #73, Using User Tool Sets