

# Apple II File Type Notes



Developer Technical Support

**File Type:**                **\$D6 (214)**

**Auxiliary Type:**       **All**

Full Name:   Instrument File

Short Name:  Instrument

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Files of this type and auxiliary type contain musical instruments.

Files of type \$D6 contain data that is to be interpreted as a definition of a musical instrument. Programs which work with music have widely varying needs; while Apple proposes a standard instrument definition (ASIF), it is largely designed for the Apple IIGS Note Synthesizer and is listed under file type \$D8, Sampled Sound. Programs not using that tool may require files to store their own instruments. Apple assigns auxiliary types in this file type for such purposes.

The following auxiliary type assignments are current for this file type as of the publication date of this Note:

<u>Auxiliary Type</u>	<u>Short Name</u>	<u>Developer</u>
\$0000	Music Construction Set inst.*	Electronic Arts
\$8002	Diversi-Tune instrument	DSR

**Table 1—Auxiliary Type Assignments**

The auxiliary types for this file type are **reserved**; any not listed in this Note or About File Type Notes **must** be assigned by Apple Computer, Inc. Using any file type or auxiliary type not assigned may result in conflicting identification of files by totally unrelated programs. To obtain an auxiliary type assignment in this file type, see About File Type Notes.

- \* Although Electronic Arts' program Music Construction Set for the Apple IIGS only creates sequences of this file type and auxiliary type \$0000, the program actually attempts to read any file with type \$D6. Creators of sequence files may wish to note this irregularity in their documentation.