[theData serializeDataAt:&aRecord ofObjCType:

id)deserializeObjectAt:(id *)object
    ofObjCType:(const char *)type
    fromData:(NSData *)data
    atCursor:(unsigned int*)cursor

The implementor of this method decodes the referenced
    object (which should always be of type "@") located at
    the cursor position in the data object. The decoded
    object is not autoreleased. See description of NSData method
    deserializeDataAt:ofObjCType:context:.

id)serializeObjectAt:(id *)object
    ofObjCType:(const char *)type

The implementor of this method encodes the referenced
    object (which should always be of type "@") in the data