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## powerpc

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```

## 1.2 allocvec32

```
powerpc.library/AllocVec32          powerpc. ←  
library/AllocVec32
```

### NAME

AllocVec32 - allocates memory which is correctly aligned (V7)

CPU  
680x0

### SYNOPSIS

```
memblock = AllocVec32(memsize, attributes)  
d0           d1
```

```
void *AllocVec32(ULONG, ULONG);
```

### FUNCTION

This function allocates memory via exec/AllocVec and aligns the memory block properly, so that this memory block can be shared with PPC tasks. The minimal alignment of the memory block is 32.

### INPUTS

memsize - size of memory to be allocated  
attributes - the desired memory attributes (see exec/AllocMem for a description of these attributes)

### RESULT

memblock - The address of the allocated memory block

### NOTES

Memory blocks allocated with 'AllocVec32' must be freed using 'FreeVec32'.

#### SEE ALSO

FreeVec32  
, exec/AllocMem

## 1.3 allocxmsg

powerpc.library/AllocXMsg  
library/AllocXMsg

powerpc. ↵

#### NAME

AllocXMsg - allocates a message for Inter-CPU communication (V12)

CPU  
680x0

**SYNOPSIS**  
message = AllocXMsg(bodysize, replyport)  
d0              d0              a0  
  
struct Message \*AllocXMsg(ULONG, struct MsgPort \*);

**FUNCTION**  
This function allocates memory for a message which can be used for Inter-CPU communication. Some fields of the message are initialized.  
After this function was called, the message body must be created before sending this message.

**INPUTS**  
bodysize - the size of the message body (max. 65535-MN\_SIZE)  
replyport - the reply port

**RESULT**  
message - The address of an initialized message (except for the message body, which must be initialized by the programmer).

**NOTES**  
Calling this function is the only way allowed to create a message which can be sent to a PPC task.

A message allocated with 'AllocXMsg' should be freed using 'FreeXMsg' if it is not used anymore. Since V14, it is allowed to free the message using 'FreeXMsgPPC' on the PPC side (which is internally done using a cross call).

An Inter-CPU message must be sent with 'PutXMsg' to a PPC task.

It is possible not to specify a replyport (simply set

replyport to NULL).

If you want to be compatible to earlier versions, you shouldn't free InterCPU messages by the foreign task.

SEE ALSO

FreeXMsg  
,

PutXMsg

## 1.4 freevec32

powerpc.library/FreeVec32  
library/FreeVec32

powerpc. ←

NAME

FreeVec32 - frees memory allocated with 'AllocVec32' (V7)

CPU  
680x0

SYNOPSIS

FreeVec32(memblock)

a1

void FreeVec32(void \*);

FUNCTION

This function frees a memory block which was allocated using 'AllocVec32'.

INPUTS

memblock - The address of the allocated memory block

SEE ALSO

AllocVec32

## 1.5 freexmsg

powerpc.library/FreeXMsg  
library/FreeXMsg

powerpc. ←

NAME

FreeXMsg - frees a message allocated with 'AllocXMsg' (V12)

CPU  
680x0

```
SYNOPSIS
FreeXMsg(message)
    a1

void FreeXMsg(struct Message *);
```

FUNCTION  
This function frees a memory allocated using 'AllocXMsg'.

INPUTS  
message - a message allocated by 'AllocXMsg'.

NOTES  
There were some restrictions in earlier versions using FreeXMsg. Since V14, a XMessage created by AllocXMsg can be freed either by another 68K task (if the message isn't used anymore) or by a PPC task using FreeXMsgPPC.

SEE ALSO

```
AllocXMsg
,
PutXMsg
```

## 1.6 getcpu

powerpc.library/GetCPU

powerpc.library/GetCPU

NAME  
GetCPU - gets the PowerPC CPU type (V7)

CPU  
680x0

SYNOPSIS  
CPUType = GetCPU  
d0

ULONG GetCPU (void);

FUNCTION  
This function reads the PowerPC CPU type. A longword is returned with one specific bit set (see the include file 'powerpc/powerpc.i' resp. 'powerpc/powerpc.h' for a description of the different CPU types)

RESULT  
CPUType - A longword with one specific bit set.

## 1.7 getppcstate

```
powerpc.library/GetPPCState          powerpc.library/GetPPCState

      NAME
      GetPPCState - returns the state of the PPC and PPC applications (V13)

      CPU
      680x0

      SYNOPSIS
      PPCState = GetPPCState
      d0

      ULONG GetPPCState (void);

      FUNCTION
      This function returns the current state of the PPC processor and
      the state of custom applications. A bitmask is returned with the
      values defined in 'powerpc.i' resp. 'powerpc.h'.

      RESULT
      PPCState - A bitmask. The following bits are supported (the
      description is valid if the bit is 1):
      PPCSTATEF_POWERSAVE - PPC is currently in power save mode.
      PPCSTATEF_APPACTIVE - PPC application tasks are currently
      - active resp. installed in the system.
      PPCSTATEF_APPRUNNING - At least one PPC application task is
      ready or running.
```

## 1.8 powerdebugmode

```
powerpc.library/PowerDebugMode        powerpc.library/PowerDebugMode

      NAME
      PowerDebugMode - sets the level of debugging output (V7)

      CPU
      680x0

      SYNOPSIS
      PowerDebugMode (debuglevel)
      d0

      void PowerDebugMode (ULONG);

      FUNCTION
      The powerpc.library has a built-in debugging system which prints out
      many informations to the serial port. The main purpose of this
      function is to improve the maintenance of this library. If problems
      occur with the powerpc.library then it will help the author of this
      library a lot to fix the problems. Try to reproduce the problems with
      debugging output enabled and send the debugging output to the author.
      Use a program which captures the data transferred to the serial port
      (for example Sushi) to save the debugging output.
```

INPUTS  
debuglevel - Debugging level (0-3). All other values are ignored.  
The higher the debugging level, the larger the debugging output. 0 means no debugging output.

NOTES  
The powerpc.library operates with debugging level 0 by default (no debugging output). You can change the default value with the environment variable 'powerpc/debug' (set values from 0 to 3).

## 1.9 putxmsg

powerpc.library/PutXMsg  
library/PutXMsg

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
PutXMsg - sends an Inter-CPU message to a PPC task (V12)

CPU  
680x0

SYNOPSIS  
PutXMsg(MsgPortPPC, message)  
a0            a1  
  
void PutXMsg(struct MsgPortPPC \*, struct Message \*);

FUNCTION  
This function sends an Inter-CPU message allocated by 'AllocXMsg' to a PPC task.

INPUTS  
MsgPortPPC - a PPC message port  
message - a message allocated by 'AllocXMsg'.

NOTES  
Inter-CPU must NOT be used for internal communication. They can only be used for communication between tasks on different processors.

Inter-CPU messages get a different node type, if they are sent. If you want to filter out Reply-Messages from standard or Inter-CPU messages, compare the LN\_TYPE field to NT\_REPLYMSG. Replied Inter-CPU messages still get the same node type (NT\_REPLYMSG). Any assumptions about the value of the new node type are ILLEGAL!!

As soon as an Inter-CPU message is sent, the 68K looses ownership over the message. No access to the message is allowed until the reply has been arrived. If no replyport was specified, it's allowed to free the message, after it was read from the other side.

Inter-CPU messages can be reused if they have been replied.

Inter-CPU messages are read and replied using the standard

message handling mechanisms (`exec/WaitPort`, `exec/GetMsg`, `exec/ReplyMsg` for 68K, `powerpc/WaitPortPPC`, `powerpc/GetMsgPPC`, `powerpc/ReplyMsgPPC` for PPC).

Don't call `exec/ReplyMsg` with an InterCPU-Message without Replyport (versions less than V12.2 crashed).

The receiving task must NOT access message data, which are not explicitly located in the message body (for example data which is referenced by a pointer) unless both tasks care for the cache consistency. Only the message itself is flushed/invalidated automatically by the system.

The receiving task may write to the message body of an Inter-CPU message.

#### SEE ALSO

`AllocXMsg`  
,

`FreeXMsg`

## 1.10 runppc

`powerpc.library/RunPPC`  
`library/RunPPC`

`powerpc.` ↵

**NAME**  
`RunPPC` – runs a PowerPC function (V7)

CPU  
680x0

**SYNOPSIS**  
`status = RunPPC(PPStruct)`  
`d0`           `a0`

`LONG RunPPC (struct PowerPC *);`

**FUNCTION**  
Runs a PowerPC function. A mirror PPC process is created. All registers can be transferred to PPC as well as parameters on stack. All cache management actions are handled automatically.

All registers are transferred back from PPC after the PPC call is completed. They are stored in the PowerPC structure.

The register assignment is as follows:

<code>d0</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>r3</code>	<code>fp0</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>f1</code>
<code>d1</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>r4</code>	<code>fp1</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>f2</code>
<code>d2</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>r22</code>	<code>fp2</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>f3</code>
<code>d3</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>r23</code>	<code>fp3</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>f4</code>
<code>d4</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>r24</code>	<code>fp4</code>	<code>&lt;-&gt;</code>	<code>f5</code>

d5	<->	r25		fp5	<->	f6
d6	<->	r26		fp6	<->	f7
d7	<->	r27		fp7	<->	f8
a0	<->	r5				
a1	<->	r6				
a2	<->	r28				
a3	<->	r29				
a4	<->	r2				
a5	<->	r30				
a6	<->	r31				

Please note, that these registers are NOT transferred directly but in the register array mentioned above (PP\_REGS).

Here follows another table from the PPC's point of view:

PPC-Register:	Index into the register array:
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Base register:

r2	12
----	----

Scratch registers:

r3	0
r4	1
r5	8
r6	9

Nonvolatile registers:

r22	2
r23	3
r24	4
r25	5
r26	6
r27	7
r28	10
r29	11
r30	13
r31	14

## INPUTS

PPStruct - Pointer to an initialized PowerPC Structure

PP\_CODE : Pointer to the PowerPC code  
 PP\_OFFSET : Not used until V12.2 of powerpc.library. From V12.3 on, the PP\_OFFSET field is used just like at Run68K. If PP\_OFFSET is zero, than the code pointed to by PP\_CODE is executed, if PP\_OFFSET is not zero, a PPC library function is executed with PP\_CODE containing the library base and PP\_OFFSET containing the library vector offset.  
 PP\_FLAGS : Flags which can be ore'd together  
 - PP[F/B]\_ASYNC : Call PPC function asynchronously (68K process returns immediately)  
 PP\_STACKPTR : Pointer to the arguments on the stack to be transferred. The pointer must point directly to the first argument, not to the return address!  
 If no arguments on stack should be transferred,

set this to zero.

PP\_STACKSIZE : Size of the stack area to be transferred. If no stack parameters should be transferred, set this to zero.

PP\_REGS : Array of longwords where the registers to be transferred can be stored (d0-a6). Please see above for the exact placement of these registers.

PP\_FREGS : Array of quadwords (8 bytes) where the FP-registers to be transferred can be stored (fp0-fp7). fp0 is at offset 0, fp1 at offset 8 etc.

#### RESULT

status - PPERR\_SUCCESS if the call was successfully  
PPERR\_ASYNCERR if a synchrone PPC call was made after an  
asynchrone PPC call

#### NOTES

Calling a PPC function asynchronely is dangerous. Take care of possible cache conflicts. Avoid calling system functions as much as possible.

If an asynchrone PPC call is done, the function WaitForPPC MUST be called ONCE after the call was done. No other PPC call is allowed for this 68K process after an asynchrone PPC call and before a call to WaitForPPC.

If an asynchrone called PPC function performs a 68K call, the call is only performed when WaitForPPC is called by the 68K process. Note that the PPC mirror process is still connected to the calling 68K process.

DON'T pass arguments on stack when calling a PPC function asynchronely. The stack is most likely to be trashed before it is copied to the PPC stack.

Assembler programmers should use the macros RUNPOWERPC and RUNPOWERPC\_XL located in the include file 'powerpc/powerpc.i'

#### SEE ALSO

WaitForPPC  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.11 sprintf68k

powerpc.library/SPrintF68K

powerpc.library/SPrintF68K

NAME  
SPrintF68K - prints a formatted string to the serial port (V7)

CPU  
680x0

#### SYNOPSIS

```
SPrintF68K (Formatstring, values )
    a0          a1
```

```
void SPrintF68K (STRPTR, APTR);
```

#### FUNCTION

Prints a formatted string to the serial port using the AMIGA-OS functions 'exec/RawPutChar' and 'exec/RawDoFmt'. Can be used to add debugging features and to improve the maintenance of software.

#### INPUTS

Formatstring - A C style string with % commands to indicate where parameters have to be inserted (see 'exec/RawDoFmt' for a detailed description of these commands).

values - A pointer to an array of parameters to be inserted into specified places in the string.

#### SEE ALSO

exec/RawDoFmt

## 1.12 waitforppc

powerpc.library/WaitForPPC  
library/WaitForPPC

powerpc. ↵

#### NAME

WaitForPPC - waits for the completion of an asynchrone PPC call (V7)

CPU  
680x0

#### SYNOPSIS

```
status = WaitForPPC(PPStruct)
d0           a0
```

```
LONG WaitForPPC (struct PowerPC *);
```

#### FUNCTION

After an asynchrone PPC call was done (see RunPPC) this function must be called to wait for the completion of the PowerPC function. All registers transferred to the PowerPC with RunPPC are returned into the PowerPC Structure.

#### INPUTS

PPStruct - Pointer to a PowerPC Structure (see RunPPC for a description of the elements). The structure has not to be initialized. The structure must be transferred to hold the returned registers by the PPC function.

#### RESULT

status - PPERR\_SUCCESS if the call was successfully  
PPERR\_WAITERR if WaitForPPC is called after a synchrone PPC  
call.

#### NOTES

Assembler programmers should use the macros WAITFORPPC and WAITFORPPC\_XL located in the include file 'powerpc/powerpc.i'

SEE ALSO

RunPPC  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.13 addheadppc

powerpc.library/AddHeadPPC  
library/AddHeadPPC powerpc. ←

NAME  
AddHeadPPC - insert a node at the head of a list (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
AddHeadPPC(\_PowerPCBase, list, node)  
r3 r4 r5  
void AddHeadPPC(struct Library \*, struct List\*, struct Node\*);

FUNCTION  
Insert a node to the head of a standard exec list. This is the mirror function of exec/AddHead.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)  
list - a pointer to the target list  
node - the node to insert

NOTES  
This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase is not passed in r3.

Assembler programmers may use the macro \_ADDHEAD located in 'powerpc/listsPPC.i'

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

InsertPPC  
,  
AddTailPPC  
,  
RemovePPC  
,  
RemHeadPPC  
,  
RemTailPPC

```
,
```

EnqueuePPC  
,

FindNamePPC  
, powerpc/listsPPC.i

## 1.14 addportppc

```
powerpc.library/AddPortPPC          powerpc. ←  
library/AddPortPPC
```

NAME  
AddPortPPC – adds a public PPC message port to the system (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
AddPortPPC (\_PowerPCBase, MsgPortPPC)  
r3 r4

```
void AddPortPPC(struct Library *, struct MsgPortPPC *);
```

FUNCTION  
This function adds a PPC message port to a public list of ports.  
The message port should be named and the priority field should  
be set. A public message port can be found by name using  
'FindPortPPC'. This is the mirror function of exec/AddPort.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
MsgPortPPC – pointer to a PPC message port. It's safe to pass a  
NULL parameter.

SEE ALSO

```
CreateMsgPortPPC  
,
```

DeleteMsgPortPPC  
,

FindPortPPC  
,

RemPortPPC  
powerpc/portsPPC.i, powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.15 addsemaphoreppc

```
powerpc.library/AddSemaphorePPC      powerpc.library/ ←  
AddSemaphorePPC
```

NAME  
AddSemaphorePPC - initializes a global signal semaphore (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
status = AddSemaphorePPC(\_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)  
r3 r4

```
LONG AddSemaphorePPC(struct Library *, struct SignalSemaphorePPC *);
```

FUNCTION  
Initializes a signal semaphore and adds it to the public semaphore list. This is the mirror function of exec/AddSemaphore.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
SignalSemaphorePPC - pointer to a signalSemaphorePPC structure  
(a semaphore name should be specified)

RESULT  
status - status value:  
SSPPC\_SUCCESS: function was successful  
SSPPC\_NOMEM: function failed due to lack of memory

SEE ALSO

```
InitSemaphorePPC
'
FreeSemaphorePPC
'
ObtainSemaphorePPC
'
'
AttemptSemaphorePPC
'
ReleaseSemaphorePPC
'
RemSemaphorePPC
'
'
FindSemaphorePPC
, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.16 addtailppc

powerpc.library/AddTailPPC library/AddTailPPC powerpc. ←

NAME  
AddTailPPC - insert a node at the tail of a list (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
AddTailPPC(\_PowerPCBase, list, node)  
    r3              r4      r5  
  
void AddTailPPC(struct Library \*, struct List\*, struct Node\*);

FUNCTION  
Insert a node to the tail of a standard exec list. This is the mirror function of exec/AddTail.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)  
list - a pointer to the target list  
node - the node to insert

NOTES  
This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase is not passed in r3.

Assembler programmers may use the macro \_ADDTAIL located in 'powerpc/listsPPC.i'

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

InsertPPC  
,

AddHeadPPC  
,

RemovePPC  
,

RemHeadPPC  
,

RemTailPPC  
,

EnqueuePPC  
,

FindNamePPC  
,

powerpc/listsPPC.i

## 1.17 addtimeppc

powerpc.library/AddTimePPC  
library/AddTimePPC

powerpc. ←

NAME  
AddTimePPC - adds one time request to another (V7)

CPU

PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
AddTimePPC(\_PowerPCBase, Dest, Source)  
    r3              r4      r5  
  
void AddTimePPC(struct Library \*, struct timeval \*, struct timeval \*);

FUNCTION  
This routine adds one timeval structure to another. The results are stored in the destination (Dest + Source -> Dest)

This is the mirror function of timer/AddTime.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
Dest - pointer to a timeval structure  
Source - pointer to a timeval structure

NOTES  
This function is safe to call from exception handlers

SEE ALSO

GetSysTimePPC  
,

SubTimePPC  
,

CmpTimePPC

## 1.18 allocsignalppc

powerpc.library/AllocSignalPPC  
AllocSignalPPC

powerpc.library/ ↪

NAME  
AllocSignalPPC - allocate a signal (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
signalnum = AllocSignalPPC(\_PowerPCBase, signalNum)  
                        r3                  r4

LONG AllocSignalPPC(struct Library \*, LONG);

FUNCTION  
Allocate a signal bit from the current task's pool. Either a particular bit or the next free bit may be allocated. This is the mirror function of exec/AllocSignal.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

signalNum - the desired signal bit number (0..31) or -1  
if the next free bit should be allocated

RESULT  
signalnum - the signal bit allocated or -1 for failure.

NOTES  
IMPORTANT: The signal bit numbers are returned in the 68K notation! For example, if the number 27 is returned, the waiting mask must be \$08000000.

All signal allocations are kept coherent on both CPU's.  
A signal allocated on the 68K side is not free anymore  
for the mirror PPC task and vice versa. The PPC also  
can wait for signals or send signals allocated on the  
68K side and vice versa (V11).

#### SEE ALSO

FreeSignalPPC  
,

SetSignalPPC  
,

SignalPPC  
,

WaitPPC

## 1.19 allocvecppc

powerpc.library/AllocVecPPC  
/AllocVecPPC

powerpc.library ↵

NAME  
AllocVecPPC - allocates memory for PPC with MMU support (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
memblock = AllocVecPPC(\_PowerPCBase, memsize, attributes, alignment)  
r3                  r4                  r5                  r6  
void \*AllocVecPPC(struct Library \*, ULONG, ULONG, ULONG);

FUNCTION  
This function allocates memory which is correctly aligned for the use by PowerPC applications. It's the mirror function of exec/AllocVec but offers some additional features.  
AllocVecPPC supports user defined alignment and allocation of memory-blocks with a desired cache mode (MMU support only for V9+)  
Since V12, it's possible to allocate memory, which is protected against other tasks (either full- or write-protected).

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
memsize - the amount of memory to be allocated.  
attributes - the requirements as explained in exec/AllocMem  
This function offers some additional attributes:

MEMF\_Writethrough: maps the allocated memory as writethrough  
MEMF\_Copyback: maps the allocated memory as copyback  
MEMF\_Cacheon: maps the allocated memory as cachable  
MEMF\_Cacheoff: maps the allocated memory as noncachable  
MEMF\_Guarded: maps the allocated memory as guarded  
MEMF\_NotGuarded: maps the allocated memory as not guarded  
MEMF\_BAT: puts the allocated memory block into a  
BAT register  
MEMF\_Protect: the memory block should be full-protected  
against other tasks (no user-accesses of  
other tasks allowed).  
MEMF\_Writeprotect: the memory block should be write-protected  
against other tasks (no user-write-aceses  
of other tasks allowed).

alignment - the desired alignment of the memory block. The system  
may round this value up to a minimal alignment. It's  
safe to pass 0 as alignment.

#### RESULT

memblock - The address of the allocated memory. If the  
memory couldn't be allocated 0 is returned.

#### NOTES

The amount of memory effectively allocated is usually bigger  
than the given memsize. It's not a good idea to call this  
function many times to allocate very small pieces of memory.

If some of the additional memflags are specified, the alignment  
and the size is internally rounded up to meet the requirements  
of the MMU.

The additional MMU memflags are intended for highly optimizing  
code and shoud not be used by standard applications.

The memflag MEMF\_BAT can improve the performance of the memory  
accesses heavily (especially on CPU's with software tablesearch).  
But DON'T use this flag unless you really need the speed. Note:  
The required free memory has to be much bigger than the size of  
the memory to be allocated, because there are severe alignment  
restrictions when using BAT registers.

The memflag MEMF\_BAT has no effect if the task runs with BAT MMU  
Setup.

Note that no other tasks should access memory which was allocated  
using special MMU memflags, because the other task can probably  
run under a different MMU setup which can cause cache problems,  
if the other one writes to the same memory in copyback mode  
while this task accesses the data in noncachable mode, for  
example.

The MMU support ist not implemented in powerpc.library <= V9.  
The memory protection support ist not implemented in  
powerpc.library <= V11.

BUGS  
Before V14, allocations > 512KB could fail.

SEE ALSO

FreeVecPPC  
,

FreeAllMem  
, powerpc/memoryPPC.i, powerpc/memoryPPC.h

## 1.20 allocxmsgppc

powerpc.library/AllocXMsgPPC  
AllocXMsgPPC

powerpc.library/ ↵

NAME  
AllocXMsgPPC - allocates a message for Inter-CPU communication (V12)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
message = AllocXMsgPPC(\_PowerPCBase, bodysize, replyport)  
r3                  r3                  r4                  r5  
  
struct Message \*AllocXMsgPPC(struct Library \*, ULONG, struct MsgPort \*);

FUNCTION  
This function allocates memory for a message which can be used  
for Inter-CPU communication. Some fields of the message are  
initialized.  
After this function was called, the message body must be  
created before sending this message.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
bodysize - the size of the message body (max. 65535-MN\_SIZE)  
replyport - the reply port

RESULT  
message - The address of an initialized message (except for  
the message body, which must be initialized by the  
programmer).

NOTES  
Calling this function is the only way allowed to create a  
message which can be sent to a 68K task.

A message allocated with 'AllocXMsgPPC' should be freed using  
'FreeXMsgPPC' if it is not used anymore. Since V14, it is

allowed to free the message using 'FreeXMsg' on the 68K side (which is internally done using a cross call).

An Inter-CPU message must be sent with 'PutXMsgPPC' to a 68K task.

It is possible not to specify a replyport (simply set replyport to NULL).

If you want to be compatible to earlier versions, you shouldn't free InterCPU messages by the foreign task.

#### SEE ALSO

FreeXMsgPPC  
,

PutXMsgPPC

## 1.21 attemptsemaphoreppc

powerpc.library/AttemptSemaphorePPC

powerpc.library/ ↵

AttemptSemaphorePPC

#### NAME

AttemptSemaphorePPC – try to obtain without blocking (V8)

#### CPU

PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

```
status = AttemptSemaphorePPC(_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)
          r3           r4
```

```
LONG AttemptSemaphorePPC(struct Library *,
                         struct SignalSemaphorePPC *);
```

#### FUNCTION

Tries to get exclusive access to a signal semaphore. If the semaphore is locked by another task, this function returns with an appropriate status value. This is the mirror function of exec/AttemptSemaphore

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
SignalSemaphorePPC – pointer to a signalSemaphorePPC structure

#### RESULT

status – status value:

ATTEMPT\_SUCCESS: operation successful  
ATTEMPT\_FAILURE: semaphore couldn't be locked

#### NOTES

This call is guaranteed to preserve all GPR (except r0 and r3) and the CTR.

**SEE ALSO**

```
InitSemaphorePPC  
,
```

```
FreeSemaphorePPC  
,
```

```
ObtainSemaphorePPC  
  
ReleaseSemaphorePPC  
,
```

```
AddSemaphorePPC  
,
```

```
RemSemaphorePPC  
  
FindSemaphorePPC  
, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.22 changemmu

powerpc.library/ChangeMMU

powerpc.library/ChangeMMU

**NAME**  
ChangeMMU – changes the MMU setup of the current task (V10)

CPU  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**  
ChangeMMU(\_PowerPCBase, MMUMode)  
r3 r4

void ChangeMMU(struct Library \*, ULONG);

**FUNCTION**  
Changes the MMU setup of the currently running task. A task is able to run with two different MMU setups:

- paged MMU setup: The standard method, where almost every memory access is controlled by the page table
- BAT MMU setup: Almost all the memory is controlled by the 4 BAT registers.

**INPUTS**  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
MMUMode – CHMMU\_STANDARD: change MMU setup to standard  
CHMMU\_BAT : change MMU setup to BAT setup

**NOTES**  
This function should usually NOT be called. It is intended for highly optimizing code and should only be used, if enough MMU knowledge is present.

The state of the current task can be changed from the shell by using the tool 'changepmu' (and this is the better way how to

change the setup rather than calling the library function)

SEE ALSO  
powerpc/tasksppc.i, powerpc/tasksPPC.h

## 1.23 clearexcmmu

powerpc.library/ClearExcMMU  
/ClearExcMMU

powerpc.library ↵

NAME  
ClearExcMMU - removes the temp. MMU setup installed by SetExcMMU (V10)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
ClearExcMMU (\_PowerPCBase)  
r3

void ClearExcMMU(struct Library \*);

FUNCTION  
This function is for exception handlers only. It removes the temporary BAT based MMU setup, which was installed using SetExcMMU. The old MMU state is restored.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

NOTES  
This function must not be called from anywhere else than from an exception handler.

SEE ALSO

SetExcMMU

## 1.24 cmptimeppc

powerpc.library/CmpTimePPC  
library/CmpTimePPC

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
CmpTimePPC - compares two timeval structures (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
result = CmpTimePPC(\_PowerPCBase, Dest, Source)

r3                    r3                    r4                    r5

```
LONG CmpTimePPC(struct Library *, struct timeval *, struct timeval *);
```

FUNCTION  
This routine compares two timeval structures.

This is the mirror function of timer/CmpTime.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
Dest - pointer to a timeval structure  
Source - pointer to a timeval structure

RESULT  
0 - if both timeval structures are equal  
-1 - if Dest is greater than Source  
1 - if Dest is less than Source

NOTES  
This function is safe to call from exception handlers

SEE ALSO

```
GetSysTimePPC  
'  
AddTimePPC  
'  
SubTimePPC
```

## 1.25 copymemppc

powerpc.library/CopyMemPPC

powerpc.library/CopyMemPPC

NAME  
CopyMemPPC - copies memory the fastest way possible (V12)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
CopyMemPPC(\_PowerPCBase, source, dest, size)  
r3                    r4                    r5                    r6

```
void CopyMemPPC(struct Library *, void *, void *, ULONG);
```

FUNCTION  
This function copies a source memory area to a destination memory area. No overlapping is supported. CopyMemPPC tries to copy with the highest bandwidth possible.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

source - address of the source memory area  
dest - address of the destination memory area  
size - size of the memory area to be copied

#### NOTES

The highest performance can be achieved if both memory areas have a minimal alignment of 8.

## 1.26 createmsgportppc

powerpc.library/CreateMsgPortPPC  
CreateMsgPortPPC

powerpc.library/ ↵

NAME  
CreateMsgPortPPC - creates a new PPC message port (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
MsgPortPPC = CreateMsgPortPPC(\_PowerPCBase)  
r3   r3  
  
struct MsgPortPPC \*CreateMsgPortPPC(struct Library \*);

FUNCTION  
This function creates a new PowerPC message port. This is the only way allowed to create a PPC message port. It is the mirror function of exec/CreateMsgPort.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

RESULT  
MsgPortPPC - pointer to a MsgPortPPC structure or NULL for failure

NOTES  
A PowerPC message port should be deleted using 'DeleteMsgPortPPC' if it is not used anymore.

It's forbidden to access PPC message ports by the standard exec message handling routines.

#### SEE ALSO

DeleteMsgPortPPC  
,

FindPortPPC  
,

AddPortPPC  
,

RemPortPPC  
powerpc/portsPPC.i, powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.27 createtaskppc

powerpc.library/CreateTaskPPC ← powerpc.library/

```
powerpc.library/CreateTaskPPC
```

**NAME**  
CreateTaskPPC – creates a new PPC task (V8)

**CPU**  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**  
TaskPPC = CreateTaskPPC(\_PowerPCBase, TagItems)  
r3                          r3                          r4  
  
struct TaskPPC \*CreateTaskPPC(struct Library \*, struct TagItem \*);

**FUNCTION**  
This function creates a new PPC task under control of the tags passed.  
All memory (inclusive stack) is allocated automatically.

PPC tasks are similar to exec tasks (the first element of the TaskPPC structure is an exec task structure). The scheduling of these tasks works similar to exec, so a running task blocks all tasks with lower priority.

**INPUTS**  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
TagItems – pointer to a tagitem array. The following tags are supported:

```
TASKATTR_CODE:          pointer to the entry point of the new task
                        (MUST be specified)
TASKATTR_EXITCODE:      pointer to the exit routine of the new task
TASKATTR_NAME:          task name (MUST be specified)
TASKATTR_PRI:          task priority (-128 ... 127). Default = 0.
TASKATTR_STACKSIZE:    the desired stack size. If this tag is omitted
                        the default stack size will be 16K.
TASKATTR_R2:           smalldata base of the PPC program
TASKATTR_R3:
...
TASKATTR_R10:          parameters to be passed to the new task
                        in the specified registers
TASKATTR_MOTHERPRI:    the priority is taken from the currently
                        running task (TASKATTR_PRI is ignored) (V9)
TASKATTR_BAT:          lets the task run under BAT MMU setup by
                        default (V10)
```

**RESULT**  
TaskPPC – pointer to a TaskPPC structure or NULL for failure

**NOTES**  
If a 68K application only wants to call a PPC function, it's better to use Run68K instead of creating a new PPC task.

While a PPC task created by Run68K is always connected to

the calling 68K process, a task created by CreateTaskPPC is completely independent. If such a task performs 68K calls, a new mirror process on the 68K side is created.

If an alternative exit code is specified (TASKATTR\_EXITCODE) the value passed in TASKATTR\_R2 remains intact in this exit code.

SEE ALSO

```
DeleteTaskPPC  
,
```

FindTaskPPC  
,

FindTaskByID  
,

powerpc/tasksPPC.i, powerpc/tasksPPC.h

## 1.28 deletemsgportppc

powerpc.library/DeleteMsgPortPPC  
DeleteMsgPortPPC

powerpc.library/ ↪

NAME  
DeleteMsgPortPPC - deletes a PPC message port (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
DeleteMsgPortPPC(\_PowerPCBase, MsgPortPPC)  
r3 r4

void DeleteMsgPortPPC(struct Library \*, struct MsgPortPPC \*);

FUNCTION  
This function deletes a PowerPC message port created using 'CreateMsgPortPPC'. It is the mirror function of exec/DeleteMsgPort.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
MsgPortPPC - Pointer to the message port to delete. It's safe to pass NULL as parameter

NOTES  
Calling 'DeleteMsgPortPPC' is the ONLY way allowed to delete a PPC message port.

SEE ALSO

```
CreateMsgPortPPC  
,
```

FindPortPPC  
,

```
AddPortPPC  
,
```

RemPortPPC  
powerpc/portsPPC.i, powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.29 deletetaskppc

```
powerpc.library/DeleteTaskPPC          powerpc.library/ ←  
DeleteTaskPPC
```

NAME  
DeleteTaskPPC – deletes a PPC task (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
DeleteTaskPPC (\_PowerPCBase, PPCTask)  
r3 r4

```
void DeleteTaskPPC(struct Library *, struct TaskPPC *);
```

FUNCTION  
Deletes a PPC task created by CreateTaskPPC.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
TaskPPC – PPC task to remove or NULL for self removal

NOTES  
It's not encouraged to delete other tasks. This function should only be called with a NULL parameter to remove the calling task itself.

The system may also remove an existing 68K mirror process connected to the calling PPC task.

SEE ALSO

```
CreateTaskPPC  
,
```

FindTaskPPC  
,

FindTaskByID  
,

```
powerpc/tasksPPC.i, powerpc/tasksPPC.h
```

## 1.30 endsnooptask

```
powerpc.library/EndSnoopTask          powerpc.library/ ←
    EndSnoopTask

NAME
EndSnoopTask - stops monitoring a PPC task (V13)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
EndSnoopTask (_PowerPCBase, SnoopID)
    r3           r4

void EndSnoopTask (struct Library *, ULONG);

FUNCTION
This function removes a callback job, which was installed using
powerpc/SnoopTask.

INPUTS
_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library
SnoopID - The value returned by SnoopTask. It's safe to pass
        NULL as parameter (is handled as no-op)

SEE ALSO

SnoopTask
```

## 1.31 enqueueppc

```
powerpc.library/EnqueuePPC          powerpc. ←
    library/EnqueuePPC

NAME
EnqueuePPC - inserts a node into a list sorted by priority (V8)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
EnqueuePPC(_PowerPCBase, list, node)
    r3       r4       r5

void EnqueuePPC(struct Library *, struct List*, struct Node*);

FUNCTION
Inserts a node to a standard exec list based on the node priority.
In this way a list can be kept sorted by priority all the time.
New nodes will be inserted in front of the first node with a
lower priority. This is the mirror function of exec/Enqueue.

INPUTS
_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)
```

list - a pointer to the target list  
node - the node to enqueue

#### NOTES

This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase is not passed in r3.

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

#### SEE ALSO

```
InsertPPC
'
AddTailPPC
'
AddHeadPPC
'
RemovePPC
'
RemHeadPPC
'
'
RemTailPPC
'
FindNamePPC
, powerpc/listsPPC.i
```

## 1.32 findnameppc

powerpc.library/FindNamePPC  
/FindNamePPC

powerpc.library ↵

#### NAME

FindNamePPC - finds a node with given name (V8)

#### CPU

PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

```
node = FindNamePPC(_PowerPCBase, start, name)
r3          r3          r4          r5
```

```
struct Node *FindNamePPC(struct Library *, struct List*, STRPTR);
```

#### FUNCTION

Searches a list for a node with the given name. If multiple nodes with same names should be found, this function can be called with a node starting point.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
list - a list header or a node to start the searche (if node,  
 this one is skipped)  
name - the name of the node

**NOTES**

This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase is not passed in r3.

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

**SEE ALSO**

```
InsertPPC
'
AddTailPPC
'
AddHeadPPC
'
RemovePPC
'
RemHeadPPC
'
'

RemTailPPC
'
EnqueuePPC
, powerpc/listsPPC.i
```

## 1.33 findportppc

powerpc.library/FindPortPPC  
/FindPortPPC

powerpc.library ↵

**NAME**

FindPortPPC - finds a public PPC message port by name (V11)

**CPU**

PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**

```
MsgPortPPC = FindPortPPC(_PowerPCBase, name)
r3          r4
```

```
struct MsgPortPPC* FindPortPPC(struct Library *, STRPTR);
```

**FUNCTION**

This function will search the global list of PPC message ports for a port with the given name. No arbitration is needed. This is the mirror function of exec/FindPort.

**INPUTS**

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
name - name of the PPC message port to search

**RESULT**

MsgPortPPC - pointer to a PPC message port or NULL if it was not found.

SEE ALSO

```
CreateMsgPortPPC  
,
```

DeleteMsgPortPPC  
,

```
AddPortPPC  
,
```

RemPortPPC  
powerpc/portsPPC.i, powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.34 findsemaphoreppc

powerpc.library/FindSemaphorePPC

powerpc.library/ ←

FindSemaphorePPC

NAME

FindSemaphorePPC - finds a public semaphore (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS

```
SignalSemaphorePPC = FindSemaphorePPC(_PowerPCBase, SemaphoreName)  
r3 r4
```

```
struct signalSemaphorePPC *FindSemaphorePPC(struct Library *, STRPTR);
```

FUNCTION

Finds a public semaphore added to the system semaphore list by AddSemaphore. This is the mirror function to exec/FindSemaphore.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
SemaphoreName - name of the semaphore to find

RESULT

SignalSemaphorePPC - signal semaphore requested or 0 if it was not found

SEE ALSO

```
InitSemaphorePPC  
,
```

FreeSemaphorePPC  
,

```
ObtainSemaphorePPC  
,
```

AttemptSemaphorePPC  
,

```
ReleaseSemaphorePPC  
,
```

```
AddSemaphorePPC  
'  
RemSemaphorePPC  
, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.35 findtagitemppc

powerpc.library/FindTagItemPPC  
FindTagItemPPC

powerpc.library/ ←

NAME  
FindTagItemPPC – scan a tag list for a specific tag (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
tag = FindTagItemPPC(\_PowerPCBase, tagValue, tagList)  
r3                  r3                  r4                  r5

```
struct TagItem *FindTagItemPPC(struct Library *, ULONG,  
                              struct TagItem *);
```

FUNCTION  
Scans a tag list and returns a pointer to the first item with  
ti\_Tag matching the 'tagValue' parameter. This is the mirror  
function of utility/FindTagItem.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
tagValue – tag value to search for  
tagList – tag item list to search (may be NULL)

RESULT  
tag – a pointer to the item with ti\_Tag matching 'tagValue'  
or NULL if no match was found.

NOTES  
This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

```
GetTagDataPPC  
'  
NextTagItemPPC
```

## 1.36 findtaskbyid

```
powerpc.library/FindTaskByID          powerpc.library/ ←
    FindTaskByID

NAME
FindTaskByID - evaluates the task address for a given task ID (V14)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
TaskPPC = FindTaskByID(_PowerPCBase, taskID)
r3           r3           r4

struct TaskPPC *FindTaskByID(struct Library *, ULONG);

FUNCTION
Evaluates the task address for a given task ID.

INPUTS
_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library
taskID - the task's ID number

RESULT
TaskPPC - Pointer to the PPCTask structure

SEE ALSO
CreateTaskPPC
,
DeleteTaskPPC
,
FindTaskPPC
,
powerpc/tasksPPC.i, powerpc/tasksPPC.h
```

## 1.37 findtaskppc

```
powerpc.library/FindTaskPPC          powerpc.library/ ←
    FindTaskPPC

NAME
FindTaskPPC - finds a task by name (or find oneself) (V8)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
TaskPPC = FindTaskPPC(_PowerPCBase, Name)
r3           r3           r4

struct TaskPPC *FindTaskPPC(struct Library *, STRPTR);

FUNCTION
```

Tries to find a task with the given name (or the current task if NULL is specified). This is the mirror function of exec/FindTask.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
Name - name of the task to find or NULL for the current task

#### RESULT

TaskPPC - pointer to the TaskPPC structure or NULL if the task was not found

#### NOTES

Be cautious that a task may be removed at any time, so the pointer returned may not be valid anymore when used.

It's allowed to call FindTaskPPC with a NULL parameter from an exception handler. In this case the interrupted task is returned.

#### SEE ALSO

```
CreateTaskPPC  
,  
FindTaskByID  
,  
DeleteTaskPPC  
, powerpc/tasksPPC.i,  
powerpc/tasksPPC.h
```

## 1.38 freeallmem

powerpc.library/FreeAllMem  
library/FreeAllMem powerpc. ↵

#### NAME

FreeAllMem - frees all memory allocated by the calling task (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

```
FreeAllMem(_PowerPCBase)  
r3  
  
void FreeVecPPC(struct Library *);
```

#### FUNCTION

Frees all memory which was allocated by the calling task. This is an easy way to free the memory rather than calling FreeVecPPC for every allocation made.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

SEE ALSO

AllocVecPPC  
,

FreeVecPPC

## 1.39 freesemaphoreppc

powerpc.library/FreeSemaphorePPC  
FreeSemaphorePPC

powerpc.library/ ←

NAME  
FreeSemaphorePPC – frees a signal semaphore (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
FreeSemaphorePPC(\_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)  
r3 r4  
void FreeSemaphorePPC(struct Library \*, struct SignalSemaphorePPC \*);

FUNCTION  
Frees a signal semaphore initialized by InitSemaphorePPC. There  
is no similar function in exec.library!

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
SignalSemaphorePPC – pointer to a signalSemaphorePPC structure

SEE ALSO

InitSemaphorePPC  
,

ObtainSemaphorePPC  
,

AttemptSemaphorePPC,  
,

ReleaseSemaphorePPC  
,

AddSemaphorePPC  
,

RemSemaphorePPC  
,

FindSemaphorePPC  
,

powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h

## 1.40 freesignalppc

```
powerpc.library/FreeSignalPPC          powerpc.library/ ←
    FreeSignalPPC

NAME
FreeSignalPPC - frees a signal (V8)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
FreeSignalPPC(_PowerPCBase, signalNum)
    r3           r4

void FreeSignalPPC(struct Library *, LONG);

FUNCTION
Frees a signal bit allocated by AllocSignalPPC. This is the
mirror function of exec/FreeSignal.

INPUTS
_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library
signalNum - the signal bit number to free (0..31). It's
safe to pass -1 as input parameter.

SEE ALSO
```

```
AllocSignalPPC
,
SetSignalPPC
,
SignalPPC
,
WaitPPC
```

## 1.41 freevecppc

```
powerpc.library/FreeVecPPC          powerpc. ←
    library/FreeVecPPC

NAME
FreeVecPPC - frees memory allocated by AllocVecPPC (V7)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
status = FreeVecPPC(_PowerPCBase, memblock)
r3           r3           r4

LONG FreeVecPPC(struct Library *, void *);

FUNCTION
Frees memory allocated by AllocVecPPC. This is the mirror function
```

of exec/FreeVec.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
memblock - address of memory to be freed. It's safe to pass NULL  
as input parameter.

#### RESULT

status - a status value:  
MEMERR\_SUCCESS - operation was successful

#### NOTES

It is absolutely required that no part of the freed memory is located in the 68K data cache! This is only important if your application is working asynchronously and shares data between independent 68K and PPC tasks. Otherwise (for standard synchron applications) it is guaranteed that the 68K data cache doesn't contain parts of the freed memory.

The same rules also apply to the reverse case (free memory using exec/FreeVec).

#### SEE ALSO

AllocVecPPC  
,

FreeAllMem

## 1.42 freexmsgppc

powerpc.library/FreeXMsgPPC  
/FreeXMsgPPC

powerpc.library ↵

NAME  
FreeXMsgPPC - frees a message allocated with 'AllocXMsgPPC' (V12)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
FreeXMsgPPC (\_PowerPCBase, message)  
r3 r4

void FreeXMsgPPC(struct Library \*, struct Message \*);

FUNCTION  
This function frees a memory allocated using 'AllocXMsgPPC'.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
message - a message allocated by 'AllocXMsgPPC'.

NOTES  
There were some restrictions in earlier versions using

FreeXMsgPPC. Since V14, a XMessage created by AllocXMsgPPC can be freed either by another PPC task (if the message isn't used anymore) or by a 68K task using FreeXMsg.

SEE ALSO

AllocXMsgPPC  
,

PutXMsgPPC

## 1.43 gethalinfo

powerpc.library/GetHALInfo

powerpc.library/GetHALInfo

NAME  
GetHALInfo - evaluates some HAL related information (V14)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
GetHALInfo(\_PowerPCBase, HALInfoTagList)  
r3                  r4

void GetHALInfo(struct Library \*, struct TagItem \*);

FUNCTION  
This function is able to evaluate some information related to the WarpUp-HAL' status. The values which should be evaluated are specified using the appropriate tags (defined in powerpc/powerpc.i) and the value is returned in the appropriate ti\_Data field.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
HALInfoTagList - pointer to a tagitem array. The following tags are supported:  
HINFO\_AEXC\_HIGH: returns the high-longword of a 64-bit-value showing the number of emulated alignment exceptions since the PowerPC was reset.  
HINFO\_AEXC\_LOW: returns the low-longword of a 64-bit-value showing the number of emulated alignment exceptions since the PowerPC was reset.

NOTES  
If the number of emulated alignment exceptions should be evaluated for specific tasks, you should use the tc\_Switch/tc\_Launch fields of the WarpOS task structure to keep track of task switches.

SEE ALSO  
powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.44 getinfo

powerpc.library/GetInfo

powerpc.library/GetInfo

NAME  
GetInfo - evaluates many CPU related information (V10)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
GetInfo(\_PowerPCBase, PPCInfoTagList)  
    r3                r4

void GetInfo(struct Library \*, struct TagItem \*);

FUNCTION  
This function is able to evaluate many CPU related information such as CPU type, cache states and more. The values which should be evaluated are specified using the appropriate tags (defined in powerpc/powerpc.i) and the value is returned in the appropriate ti\_Data field.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
PPCInfoTagList - pointer to a tagitem array. The following tags are supported:  
PPCINFO\_CPU: evaluates the PowerPC CPU type (see powerpc/powerpc.i for a description of the possible return values)  
PPCINFO\_PVR: returns the PVR register which also contains the revision number of the CPU besides the CPU type.  
PPCINFO\_ICACHE: returns the state of the instruction cache  
See powerpc/powerpc.i for a description of the possible values.  
PPCINFO\_DCACHE: returns the state of the data cache. The values possible are the same as for PPCINFO\_ICACHE.  
PPCINFO\_PAGETABLE: returns the location of the standard page table  
PPCINFO\_TABLESIZE: returns the size of the page table (in KBytes)  
PPCINFO\_BUSCLOCK: returns the bus clock value (in Hz)  
PPCINFO\_CPUTCLOCK: returns the CPU clock value (in Hz)

NOTES  
The CPU clock cannot be evaluated on PowerPC systems without the extension E (for example PPC603, PPC604) because the supervisor register HID1 is missing. In this case, 0 is returned.

Usually the PPC-CPU's available for AMIGA will have this register (for example: PPC603E, PPC604E)

SEE ALSO  
powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.45 getmsgppc

powerpc.library/GetMsgPPC  
library/GetMsgPPC

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
GetMsgPPC – get next message from a message port (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
message = GetMsgPPC (\_PowerPCBase, MsgPortPPC)  
r3                  r3                  r4  
  
struct Message \*GetMsgPPC(struct Library \*, struct MsgPortPPC \*);

FUNCTION  
This function receives a message from a given message port. This is the mirror function of exec/GetMsg.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
port – a pointer to a message port

RESULTS  
message – a pointer to the first available message or NULL if none is available.

SEE ALSO

WaitPortPPC  
,

PutMsgPPC  
,

ReplyMsgPPC  
, powerpc/portsPPC.i,  
powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.46 getsystimeppc

powerpc.library/GetSysTimePPC  
GetSysTimePPC

powerpc.library/ ↵

NAME  
GetSysTimePPC – get the current (relative) time (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
GetSysTimePPC (\_PowerPCBase, Dest )  
r3          r4

```
void GetSysTimePPC(struct Library *, struct timeval * );
```

#### FUNCTION

Returns the current system time. This time is NOT absolute, there is no relation between the real time and the time returned by GetSysTimePPC. This function can be used for measurement of time spans.

This is the mirror function of timer/GetSysTime.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
Dest - pointer to a timeval structure (where the time is stored)

#### NOTES

This function has different behaviour on powerpc.library V7 and powerpc.library V8+.

V7: The time is evaluated using the timer.device (via a cross call) because it isn't possible to evaluate the busclock frequency of the PPC with V7 (and ppc.library below) until now.

V8+: The time is evaluated completely native (and fast) using the internal timers and the busclock frequency evaluated by WarpOS.

This function is safe to call from exception handlers ONLY in powerpc.library V8 and higher !!

#### SEE ALSO

```
AddTimePPC  
'  
SubTimePPC  
'  
CmpTimePPC
```

## 1.47 gettagdatappc

powerpc.library/GetTagDataPPC  
GetTagDataPPC

powerpc.library/ ←

#### NAME

GetTagDataPPC - obtain the data corresponding to a tag (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

```
value = GetTagDataPPC(_PowerPCBase, tagValue, defaultVal, tagList)  
r3           r3           r4           r5           r6
```

```
ULONG *GetTagDataPPC(struct Library *, ULONG, ULONG, struct TagItem* );
```

**FUNCTION**

Searches a tag list for a matching tag and returns the corresponding *ti\_Data* value for the *TagItem* found. If no match is found, this function returns the value passed in as '*defaultValue*'. This is the mirror function of utility/GetTagData.

**INPUTS**

*\_PowerPCBase* - base of powerpc.library  
*tagValue* - tag value to search for  
*defaultValue* - value to be returned if *tagValue* is not found  
*tagList* - tag item list to search (may be NULL)

**RESULT**

*value* - the *ti\_Data* value for the first matching *TagItem*, or '*defaultValue*' if a *ti\_Tag* matching Tag is not found.

**NOTES**

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

**SEE ALSO**

FindTagItemPPC  
,

NextTagItemPPC

## 1.48 initsemaphoreppc

powerpc.library/InitSemaphorePPC  
InitSemaphorePPC

powerpc.library/ ↪

**NAME**  
InitSemaphorePPC - initializes a signal semaphore (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**  
status = InitSemaphorePPC (\_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)  
r3                         r3                         r4

LONG InitSemaphorePPC(struct Library \*, struct SignalSemaphorePPC \*);

**FUNCTION**

Initializes a signal semaphore. This is the mirror function of exec/InitSemaphore with some changes.

**INPUTS**

*\_PowerPCBase* - base of powerpc.library  
*SignalSemaphorePPC* - pointer to a *signalSemaphorePPC* structure  
(all fields to zero)

**RESULT**

*status* - status value:  
SSPPC\_SUCCESS: function was successful

SSPPC\_NOMEM: function failed due to lack of memory

#### NOTES

In opposite to exec/InitSemaphore a signal semaphore for PPC has to be freed with FreeSemaphorePPC, because InitSemaphorePPC allocates memory which should be freed after use.

#### SEE ALSO

```
FreeSemaphorePPC
'
ObtainSemaphorePPC
'
AttemptSemaphorePPC
'
'
ReleaseSemaphorePPC
'
AddSemaphorePPC
'
RemSemaphorePPC
'
'
FindSemaphorePPC
, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.49 insertppc

powerpc.library/InsertPPC  
library/InsertPPC

powerpc. ↵

#### NAME

InsertPPC - insert a node into a list (V8)

#### CPU

PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

```
Insert(_PowerPCBase, list, node, nodepredecessor)
      r3          r4          r5          r6
```

```
void InsertPPC(struct Library *, struct List*, struct Node*,
               struct Node*);
```

#### FUNCTION

Insert a node into an standard exec list. This is the mirror function of exec/Insert.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)  
list - a pointer to the target list  
node - the node to insert  
nodepredecessor - the node after which to insert. If 0 is passed, the node is inserted at the head of the list.

**NOTES**

This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase is not passed in r3.

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

**SEE ALSO**

```
AddHeadPPC  
,
```

AddTailPPC  
,

RemovePPC  
,

RemHeadPPC  
,

RemTailPPC  
,

EnqueuePPC  
,

FindNamePPC  
, powerpc/listsPPC.i

## 1.50 locktasklist

powerpc.library/LockTaskList  
LockTaskList

powerpc.library/ ↵

**NAME**  
LockTaskList - locks a list of all tasks (V10)

CPU  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**  
TaskPtr = LockTaskList(\_PowerPCBase)  
r3

struct TaskPtr\* LockTaskList(struct Library \*);

**FUNCTION**  
This function locks a list of all PPC tasks currently available.  
The main purpose of this function is to allow examining the  
PPCTask structures without to worry about protecting the access  
by semaphores (this is done internally).

The usual method of accessing the task information is the  
following:

- Lock the task list using 'LockTaskList'
- Get the pointer to the first task (by reading out the entry  
TASKPTR\_TASK of the returned TaskPtr structure)

- Scan through the list and read out all information you need until you find the end of the list
- Unlock the list using 'UnLockTaskList'

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

RESULTS  
TaskPtr - Ptr to the first node of a list of TaskPtr structures  
(see powerpc/tasksppc.i)

NOTES  
The WarpOS multitasking is NOT halted between LockTaskList and UnLockTaskList.

No new tasks are created and no resources of removed tasks are freed between LockTaskList and UnLockTaskList. So don't lock the list for a too long time.

#### SEE ALSO

UnLockTaskList  
, powerpc/tasksppc.i, powerpc/tasksppc.h

## 1.51 modifyfpexc

powerpc.library/ModifyFPExc  
/ModifyFPExc

powerpc.library ↵

NAME  
ModifyFPExc - enables/disables specific floating point exceptions (V9)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
ModifyFPExc (\_PowerPCBase, FPflags)  
r3 r4  
void ModifyFPExc(struct Library \*, ULONG);

FUNCTION  
This function allows to enable/disable particular floating point exceptions. Multiple exceptions can be affected simultaneously.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
FPflags - action to be performed:  
FPF\_EN\_OVERFLOW: Enables FP overflow exception  
FPF\_EN\_UNDERFLOW: Enables FP underflow exception  
FPF\_EN\_ZERODIVIDE: Enables FP zero divide exception  
FPF\_EN\_INEXACT: Enables FP inexact operation exception  
FPF\_EN\_INVALID: Enables FP invalid operation exception

```
FPF_DIS_OVERFLOW:    Disables FP overflow exception
FPF_DIS_UNDERFLOW:  Disables FP underflow exception
FPF_DIS_ZERODIVIDE: Disables FP zero divide exception
FPF_DIS_INEXACT:    Disables FP inexact operation exception
FPF_DIS_INVALID:    Disables FP invalid operation exception
```

#### NOTES

Floating point exceptions must be enabled globally using 'SetHardware', otherwise this function doesn't have any effect.

#### SEE ALSO

```
SetHardware
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h
```

## 1.52 nexttagitemppc

powerpc.library/NextTagItemPPC  
NextTagItemPPC

powerpc.library/ ←

#### NAME

NextTagItemPPC - iterate through a tag list (V8)

#### CPU

PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

```
tag = NextTagItemPPC(_PowerPCBase, tagItemPtr)
r3           r3           r4

struct TagItem *NextTagItemPPC(struct Library *, struct TagItem **);
```

#### FUNCTION

Iterates through a tag list, skipping and chaining as dictated by system tags. Each call returns either the next item to be examined or NULL when the end of the list has been reached. This is the mirror function of utility/NextTagItem.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
tagItemPtr - double-indirect reference to a TagItem structure.  
The pointer will be changed to keep track of the iteration.

#### RESULT

tag - each TagItem in the array that should be processed is returned in turn with successive calls.

#### NOTES

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

#### SEE ALSO

FindTagItemPPC

```
,
```

GetTagDataPPC

## 1.53 obtainsemaphoreppc

powerpc.library/ObtainSemaphorePPC	powerpc.library/ ←
ObtainSemaphorePPC	

**NAME**  
ObtainSemaphorePPC – gain exclusive access to a semaphore (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**  
ObtainSemaphorePPC (\_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)  
                        r3                      r4

```
void ObtainSemaphorePPC(struct Library *, struct SignalSemaphorePPC *);
```

**FUNCTION**  
Tries to get exclusive access to a signal semaphore. If the semaphore is occupied, the task adds itself into a waiting queue. This is the mirror function of exec/ObtainSemaphore.

**INPUTS**  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
SignalSemaphorePPC – pointer to a signalsemaphorePPC structure

**NOTES**  
This call is guaranteed to preserve all GPR (except r0) and the CTR.

**SEE ALSO**

```
InitSemaphorePPC
,
FreeSemaphorePPC
,
AttemptSemaphorePPC
,
ReleaseSemaphorePPC
,
AddSemaphorePPC
,
RemSemaphorePPC
FindSemaphorePPC
, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.54 putmsgppc

```
powerpc.library/PutMsgPPC          powerpc. ←
library/PutMsgPPC

NAME
PutMsgPPC - put a message to a message port (V11)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
PutMsgPPC(_PowerPCBase, MsgPortPPC, message)
      r3        r4        r5

void PutMsgPPC(struct Library *, struct MsgPortPPC *, struct Message *);

FUNCTION
This function attaches a message to the end of the given port. In
opposition to exec/PutMsg, only ports with PA_SIGNAL are supported.
This is the mirror function of exec/PutMsg.

INPUTS
_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library
port - a pointer to a message port
message - a pointer to the message to be sent

NOTES
This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

      WaitPortPPC
      ,
      GetMsgPPC
      ,
      ReplyMsgPPC
      ,
      powerpc/portsPPC.i,
powerpc/portsPPC.h
```

## 1.55 putxmsgppc

```
powerpc.library/PutXMsgPPC          powerpc. ←
library/PutXMsgPPC

NAME
PutXMsgPPC - sends an Inter-CPU message to a 68K task (V12)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
PutXMsgPPC(_PowerPCBase, MsgPort, message)
```

r3                  r4                  r5

```
void PutXMsgPPC(struct Library *, struct MsgPort *, struct Message *);
```

FUNCTION

This function sends an Inter-CPU message allocated by 'AllocXMsgPPC' to a 68K task.

INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
MsgPort - an exec message port  
message - a message allocated by 'AllocXMsgPPC'.

NOTES

Inter-CPU must NOT be used for internal communication. They can only be used for communication between tasks on different processors.

Inter-CPU messages get a different node type, if they are sent. If you want to filter out Reply-Messages from standard or Inter-CPU messages, compare the LN\_TYPE field to NT\_REPLYMSG. Replied Inter-CPU messages still get the same node type (NT\_REPLYMSG). Any assumptions about the value of the new node type are ILLEGAL!!

As soon as an Inter-CPU message is sent, the PPC looses ownership over the message. No access to the message is allowed until the reply has been arrived. If no replyport was specified, it's allowed to free the message, after it was read from the other side.

Inter-CPU messages can be reused if they have been replied.

Inter-CPU messages are read and replied using the standard message handling mechanisms (exec/WaitPort, exec/GetMsg, exec/ReplyMsg for 68K, powerpc/WaitPortPPC, powerpc/GetMsgPPC, powerpc/ReplyMsgPPC for PPC).

The receiving task must NOT access message data, which are not explicitly located in the message body (for example data which is referenced by a pointer) unless both tasks care for the cache consistency. Only the message itself is flushed/invalidated automatically by the system.

The receiving task may write to the message body of an Inter-CPU message.

SEE ALSO

AllocXMsgPPC  
,

FreeXMsgPPC

---

## 1.56 releasesemaphoreppc

```
powerpc.library/ReleaseSemaphorePPC          powerpc.library/ ←
    ReleaseSemaphorePPC

NAME
ReleaseSemaphorePPC - make signal semaphore available to others (V8)

CPU
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS
ReleaseSemaphorePPC (_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)
    r3           r4

void ReleaseSemaphorePPC(struct Library *,
    struct SignalSemaphorePPC *);

FUNCTION
Releases a semaphore locked by either ObtainSemaphorePPC or
AttemptSemaphorePPC. If other tasks are waiting, the foremost
in the waiting queue is waked up.

INPUTS
_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library
SignalSemaphorePPC - pointer to a signalsemaphorePPC structure

NOTES
This call is guaranteed to preserve all GPR (except r0) and the CTR.

If the semaphore is in an illegal state after calling
ReleaseSemaphorePPC, a system message will appear and the task is
put into waiting state.

SEE ALSO

    InitSemaphorePPC
    ,
    FreeSemaphorePPC
    ,
    ObtainSemaphorePPC
    ,
    AttemptSemaphorePPC
    ,
    AddSemaphorePPC
    ,
    RemSemaphorePPC

    FindSemaphorePPC
    , powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.57 remexchandler

```
powerpc.library/RemExHandler          powerpc.library/ ←
    RemExHandler
```

NAME  
RemExcHandler - removes a custom exception handler (V9)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
RemExcHandler(\_PowerPCBase, XLock)  
r3 r4

```
void RemExcHandler(struct Library *, void *);
```

FUNCTION  
Removes an exception handler inserted by the function SetExcHandler.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
XLock - The lock value returned by SetExcHandler. It's safe to pass  
NULL as parameter

SEE ALSO  
RemExcHandler  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.58 remheadppc

powerpc.library/RemHeadPPC powerpc. ←  
library/RemHeadPPC

NAME  
RemHeadPPC - removes the head node from a list (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
node = RemHeadPPC(\_PowerPCBase, list)  
r3 r3 r4

```
struct Node *RemHeadPPC(struct Library *, struct List*);
```

FUNCTION  
Removes the head node of a list. This is the mirror function of  
exec/RemHead.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)  
list - the target list from which the head node should be removed

RESULT  
node - the node removed or 0 if the list was empty

**NOTES**

This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase is not passed in r3.

Assembler programmers may use the macro \_REMHEAD located in 'powerpc/listsPPC.i'

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

**SEE ALSO**

```
InsertPPC
'
AddTailPPC
'
AddHeadPPC
'
RemovePPC
'
RemTailPPC
'
'
EnqueuePPC
'
FindNamePPC
, powerpc/listsPPC.i
```

## 1.59 removeppc

powerpc.library/RemovePPC  
library/RemovePPC

powerpc. ←

**NAME**

RemovePPC - removes a node from a list (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**

```
RemovePPC(_PowerPCBase, node)
      r3          r4
```

```
void RemovePPC(struct Library *, struct Node*);
```

**FUNCTION**

Removes a node from whatever list it is in. This is the mirror function of exec/Remove.

**INPUTS**

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)  
node - the node to remove

**NOTES**

This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase

is not passed in r3.

Assembler programmers may use the macro \_REMOVE located in  
'powerpc/listsPPC.i'

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

```
InsertPPC
'
AddTailPPC
'
AddHeadPPC
'
RemHeadPPC
'
RemTailPPC
'

EnqueuePPC
'
FindNamePPC
, powerpc/listsPPC.i
```

## 1.60 remportppc

powerpc.library/RemPortPPC  
library/RemPortPPC

powerpc. ←

NAME

RemPortPPC - removes a public PPC message port from the system (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS

RemPortPPC (\_PowerPCBase, MsgPortPPC)  
                 r3                 r4

void RemPortPPC(struct Library \*, struct MsgPortPPC \*);

FUNCTION

This function removes a public message port from the global list  
of message ports. It is the mirror function of exec/RemPort.

INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
MsgPortPPC - pointer to a PPC message port. It's safe to pass a NULL  
parameter.

SEE ALSO

CreateMsgPortPPC

```
, DeleteMsgPortPPC
,
FindPortPPC
,
AddPortPPC
powerpc/portsPPC.i, powerpc/portsPPC.h
```

## 1.61 remtailppc

powerpc.library/RemTailPPC  
library/RemTailPPC

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
RemTailPPC - removes the tail node from a list (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
node = RemTailPPC(\_PowerPCBase, list)  
r3                  r3                  r4  
  
struct Node \*RemTailPPC(struct Library \*, struct List\*);

FUNCTION  
Removes the tail node of a list. This is the mirror function of  
exec/RemTail.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library (can be omitted)  
list - the target list from which the tail node should be removed

RESULT  
node - the node removed or 0 if the list was empty

NOTES  
This function is guaranteed to work correctly, if the PowerPCBase  
is not passed in r3.

Assembler programmers may use the macro \_REMTAIL located in  
'powerpc/listsPPC.i'

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

```
InsertPPC
,
AddTailPPC
,
AddHeadPPC
,
RemovePPC
```

```
'  
RemHeadPPC  
'  
  
EnqueuePPC  
'  
FindNamePPC  
, powerpc/listsPPC.i
```

## 1.62 remsemaphoreppc

powerpc.library/RemSemaphorePPC

powerpc.library/ ↵

RemSemaphorePPC

NAME  
RemSemaphorePPC – removes a global signal semaphore (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
RemSemaphorePPC(\_PowerPCBase, SignalSemaphorePPC)  
r3 r4

```
void RemSemaphorePPC(struct Library *, struct SignalSemaphorePPC *);
```

FUNCTION  
Removes a global signal semaphore created by AddSemaphorePPC. This is the mirror function of exec/RemSemaphore.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
SignalSemaphorePPC – pointer to a signalSemaphorePPC structure

SEE ALSO

```
InitSemaphorePPC  
'  
FreeSemaphorePPC  
'  
ObtainSemaphorePPC  
'  
  
AttemptSemaphorePPC  
'  
ReleaseSemaphorePPC  
'  
AddSemaphorePPC  
'  
  
FindSemaphorePPC  
, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.i, powerpc/semaphoresPPC.h
```

## 1.63 replymsgppc

powerpc.library/ReplyMsgPPC  
/ReplyMsgPPC

powerpc.library ↵

NAME  
ReplyMsgPPC – put a message to its reply port (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
ReplyMsgPPC (\_PowerPCBase, message)  
r3                  r4

void ReplyMsgPPC(struct Library \*, struct Message \*);

FUNCTION  
This function sends a message to its reply port, if one is present.  
This is the mirror function of exec/ReplyMsg.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
message – a pointer to the message to be replied

NOTES  
This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

SEE ALSO

WaitPortPPC  
,

PutMsgPPC  
,

GetMsgPPC  
,

powerpc/portsPPC.i,  
powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.64 run68k

powerpc.library/Run68K  
library/Run68K

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
Run68K – runs a 680x0 function resp. AMIGA-OS library function (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
status = Run68K (\_PowerPCBase, PPStruct )  
r3                  r4

```
LONG RunPPC (struct Library *, struct PowerPC *);
```

#### FUNCTION

Runs a 680x0 function or an AMIGA-OS library function. All registers can be transferred to 68K as well as parameters on stack. All cache management actions are handled automatically.

All registers are transferred back from 68K after the 68K call is completed. They are stored in the PowerPC structure.

See RunPPC for the register assignment.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
PPStruct - Pointer to an initialized PowerPC Structure

PP\_CODE : Pointer to the 680x0 code resp. pointer to the library base (if PP\_OFFSET is not zero).  
PP\_OFFSET : Library offset or 0 if no library function is called.  
PP\_FLAGS : Flags which can be ore'd together  
- PP[F/P]\_ASYNC : call 68K function asynchronously (PPC process returns immediately)  
PP\_STACKPTR : Pointer to the arguments on the stack to be transferred. The pointer must point to the top of the calling process' stackframe. The stack area to be transferred is located at offset 24 from this position. If no arguments on stack should be transferred, set this to zero.  
PP\_STACKSIZE : Size of the stack area to be transferred. If no stack parameters should be transferred, set this to zero.  
PP\_REGS : Array of longwords where the registers to be transferred can be stored (d0-a6)  
PP\_FREGS : Array of quadwords (8 bytes) where the FP-registers to be transferred can be stored (fp0-fp7)

#### RESULT

status - PPERR\_SUCCESS if the call was successfully  
PPERR\_ASYNCERR if a synchrone 68K call was made after an asynchrone 68K call

#### NOTES

Calling a 68K function asynchronously is dangerous. Take care of possible cache conflicts. Avoid calling system functions as much as possible.

If an asynchrone 68K call is done, the function WaitFor68K MUST be called ONCE after the call was done. No other 68K call is allowed for this PPC process after an asynchrone 68K call and before a call to WaitFor68K.

If an asynchronously called 68K function performs a PPC call, the call is only performed when WaitFor68K is called by the PPC process. Note that the 68K mirror process is still connected to the calling PPC process.

DON'T pass arguments on stack when calling a 68K function asynchronously.  
The stack is most likely to be trashed before it is copied to the 68K  
stack.

Assembler programmers should use the macros RUN68K and  
RUN68K\_XL located in the include file 'powerpc/powerpc.i'

#### SEE ALSO

WaitFor68K  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.65 setcache

powerpc.library/SetCache

powerpc.library/SetCache

NAME  
SetCache - cache manipulation function (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
SetCache(\_PowerPCBase, cacheflags, start, length)  
r3                    r4                    r5                    r6

void SetCache(struct Library \*, ULONG, void \*, ULONG);

FUNCTION  
This function offers many possibilities to affect the caches of  
the PPC. It performs the action defined by the cache flags. Only  
one action can be performed at the same time.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
cacheflags - action to be performed:  
CACHE\_DCACHEOFF: Data cache is disabled. The Cache is flushed  
automatically.  
CACHE\_DCACHEON: Data cache is enabled.  
CACHE\_DCACHELOCK: Data cache is locked (is ignored if either  
'start' or 'length' is zero).  
CACHE\_DCACHEUNLOCK: Data cache is unlocked.  
CACHE\_DCACHEFLUSH: Data cache is flushed.  
CACHE\_ICACHEOFF: Instruction cache is disabled.  
CACHE\_ICACHEON: Instruction cache is enabled.  
CACHE\_ICACHELOCK: Instruction cache is locked.  
CACHE\_ICACHEUNLOCK: Instruction cache is unlocked.  
CACHE\_ICACHEINV: Instruction cache is invalidated.

start - pointer to the start address of the area to be affected.  
The following cacheflags support an area specification:  
CACHE\_DCACHELOCK, CACHE\_DCACHEFLUSH, CACHE\_ICACHEINV

if 'start' is 0 the whole address space is affected

```
length - length of the area to be affected (see above for the
cache flags which support area specification).
if 'length' is 0 the whole address space is affected
```

#### NOTES

Invalidateing the whole instruction cache is much more efficient than flushing only a part of it.

Flushing the whole data cache is less efficient than flushing a specific area, if this area is not too large.

The cacheflag DCACHELOCK requires 'start' and 'length' to be not zero. The area specified is then copied into the data cache and the data cache is locked afterwards.

The caches should not be switched on/off resp. locked/unlocked without GOOD justification. Global manipulations of the cache should be avoided. Better affect the cache locally by using AllocVecPPC.

This function is safe to call from exception handlers

SEE ALSO  
powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.66 setexcandler

powerpc.library/SetExcHandler  
SetExcHandler

powerpc.library/ ↵

NAME  
SetExcHandler - insert a custom exception handler (V9)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
XLock = SetExcHandler(\_PowerPCBase, ExcTags)  
r3 r3 r4

void \*SetExcHandler(struct Library \*, struct TagItem \*);

FUNCTION  
This function allows applications to insert custom exception handlers. Those handlers can be global or task dependant, priorities are also supported. Multiple exceptions can be selected for one exception handler.

The exception handlers are executed in supervisor mode and have access to all supervisor registers.

The handlers are called in one of two possible ways (dependant of the tag EXC\_FLAGS):

---

1) EXC\_FLAGS has the flag EXCF\_SMALLCONTEXT set:

```
Status = CustomHandler(SmallContext)
r3           r3

ULONG CustomHandler(struct XCONTEXT*)
```

Inputs:  
SmallContext - a pointer to a XCONTEXT structure (see  
powerpc/powerpc.i)

Result:  
Status - a return value which decides, whether the  
exception should be leaved immediately or  
if following exception handlers should be  
executed, too (see powerpc/powerpc.i)

In this first method, the handler gets all registers directly,  
except for r3, which is passed in the XCONTEXT structure. The  
exception ID, which gives information about the kind of  
exception occurred, is passed also in XCONTEXT structure.

All registers which are modified by the exception handler are  
also modified for the interrupted task. If r3 should be modified  
for the interrupted task, the appropriate field of the XCONTEXT  
structure has to be modified.

Some of the interrupted task's registers are passed in special  
supervisor registers. If they should be changed, the appropriate  
supervisor registers have to be changed:

SPRG1 -	The interrupted task's Link Register
SPRG2 -	The interrupted task's Stackpointer (r1)
SPRG3 -	The interrupted task's Smalldata Base (r2)

The exception stack, which is passed in r1, is allocated from the  
user stack of the interrupted task.

2) EXC\_FLAGS has the flag EXCF\_LARGECONTEXT set:

```
Status = CustomHandler(LargeContext)
r3           r3

ULONG CustomHandler(struct EXCCONTEXT*)
```

Inputs:  
LargeContext - a pointer to a EXCCONTEXT structure (see  
powerpc/powerpc.i)

Result:  
Status - a return value which decides, whether the  
exception should be leaved immediately or  
if following exception handlers should be

executed, too (see powerpc/powerpc.i)

In this second method, the handler gets all registers in the EXCCONTEXT structure. If the handler wishes to change some of the register contents it must change the appropriate fields in the EXCCONTEXT structure which are copied back to the registers after the custom handler has completed. If no field is provided for a certain register, it has to be modified directly.

The exception stack, which is passed in r1, is allocated from the user stack of the interrupted task.

#### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
ExcTags - pointer to a tagitem array. The following tags are supported:

EXCATTR\_CODE: pointer to the exception handler code (required)  
EXCATTR\_DATA: a user data which is passed in r2 to the custom exception handler. This is usually a base register which provides access to all global data required.  
EXCATTR\_TASK: specifies the task which is allowed to take the exception handler. If this tag is 0 or omitted, the current task is taken instead. This tag has no effect if the exception handler is specified as global (see below at EXCATTR\_FLAGS)  
EXCATTR\_EXCID: Defines which exceptions should call this exception handler. See powerpc/powerpc.i for a description of all supported exceptions. Multiple exceptions can be selected.  
EXCATTR\_FLAGS:  
EXCF\_GLOBAL: Marks the exception handler as global. It is then called for every exception occurred.  
EXCF\_LOCAL: Marks the exception handler as local. It is then only called, if the interrupted task matches the task specified in EXCATTR\_TASK.  
EXCF\_SMALLCONTEXT: The exception handler is called with a XCONTEXT structure as parameter (see above for a description of this mode).  
EXCF\_LARGECONTEXT: The exception handler is called with a EXCCONTEXT structure as parameter (see above for a description of this mode).

One flag of EXCF\_GLOBAL and EXCF\_LOCAL and one flag of EXCF\_SMALLCONTEXT and EXCF\_LARGECONTEXT must be specified, otherwise this function fails.

EXCATTR\_NAME: An identification name for this handler  
EXCATTR\_PRI: The priority of this exception handler

#### RESULT

XLock - A lock to be passed to RemExcHandler or 0 if something

failed.

#### NOTES

Exception handlers should generally take care that they don't destroy any registers of the interrupted task except if it is desired. Special care must be taken if the exception handler is called with the small context structure (take care of r0!). All registers, inclusive CR, CTR, LR and others must be restored if they should not be changed.

**IMPORTANT:** The exception handler is called with MMU switched off! The whole address space is accessed in cachable copyback mode, so no access to critical locations such as custom chip space must be performed. If such locations should be accessed, a temporary MMU setup must be done using the library functions 'SetExcMMU' and 'ClearExcMMU' (V10)

Note that changes to the MSR of the interrupted task must be done by writing to SRR1 (i.e. setting the trace bit).

Note that exception handlers should generally not call system functions with some exceptions (for example 'SignalPPC' is often useful to call from exception handlers). System functions must not be called unless it's allowed explicitly by the documentation of each function.

Note that the content of the program counter (SRR0) differs depending on the exception type. Sometimes it contains the address of the excepting instruction and sometimes the address of the next instruction to complete. Exception handlers must take care about this and should set the program counter appropriately.

Here follows a table of all supported exceptions and their behaviour:

Machine check (EXCF_MCHECK) :	PC -> maybe next instruction
Data access (EXCF_DACCESS) :	PC -> excepting instruction
Instruction access (EXCF_IACCESS) :	PC -> next instruction
Alignment (EXCF_ALIGN) :	PC -> excepting instruction
Program (EXCF_PROGRAM) :	PC -> excepting instruction
FP unavailable (EXCF_FFUN) :	PC -> excepting instruction
Trace (EXCF_TRACE) :	PC -> next instruction
Performance Monitor (EXCF_PERFMON) :	unknown
Instruction breakpoint (EXCF_IABR) :	PC -> excepting instruction

Exception handlers should not waste stack space. The system allocates an extra space for this purpose but it may not be sufficient if very stack-intensive routines are called as exception handlers.

If every exception handler returns the state EXCRETURN\_NORMAL then the standard WarpOS exception handler is executed (except for Trace- and PerformanceMonitor-Exceptions).

If exception handlers are written to emulate commands causing an exception they should return EXCRETURN\_ABORT as return value to suppress following exception handlers which might output some alert messages. The priority should be probably high enough to ensure that no unwanted reactions occur.

The WarpOS debugging system is disabled during exception processing.

It's completely ILLEGAL to exit an exception handler by an RFI instruction!! It's also illegal to trash SPRG0!

SEE ALSO

RemExcHandler  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.67 setexcmmu

powerpc.library/SetExcMMU  
library/SetExcMMU

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
SetExcMMU - installs a BAT based MMU setup for exception handlers (V10)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
SetExcMMU(\_PowerPCBase)  
r3

void SetExcMMU(struct Library \*);

FUNCTION  
This function is for exception handlers only. It installs a new temporary MMU setup which allows exception handlers to access critical address space, such as custom chip space. Exception handlers are normally run with MMU switched off to avoid problems on systems without hardware tablesearch.

The new MMU setup is based on the BAT registers.

The function 'ClearExcMMU' restores the old MMU state and should be called at the end of the exception handler.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

NOTES  
This function must not be called from anywhere else than from an exception handler.

SEE ALSO

ClearExcMMU

## 1.68 sethardware

powerpc.library/SetHardware  
/SetHardware

### NAME

SetHardware – hardware manipulation function (V9)

CPU  
PowerPC

### SYNOPSIS

```
Status = SetHardware(_PowerPCBase, hardwareflags, parameter)
          r3           r4           r5
```

```
ULONG SetHardware(struct Library *, ULONG, void *);
```

### FUNCTION

This function offers some functions to access the PPC hardware.

### INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
hardwareflags – action to be performed:

HW_TRACEON:	Enables trace mode for the current task
HW_TRACEOFF:	Disables trace mode for the current task
HW_BRANCHTRACEON:	Enables branch trace mode for the current task
HW_BRANCHTRACEOFF:	Disables branch trace mode for the current task
HW_FPEXCON:	Enables the floating point exceptions for the current task
HW_FPEXCOFF:	Disables the floating point exceptions for the current task
HW_SETIBREAK:	Sets the global instruction breakpoint
HW_CLEARIBREAK:	Clears the global instruction breakpoint
HW_SETDBREAK:	Sets the global data breakpoint
HW_CLEARDBREAK:	Clears the global data breakpoint

parameter – additional parameter only used if a breakpoint should be set. Then it contains the breakpoint address.

### RESULT

Status – HW\_AVAILABLE: The requested feature is available on this CPU  
HW\_NOTAVAILABLE: The requested feature is not available on this CPU

### NOTES

Floating point exceptions are only enabled globally with HW\_FPEXCON. It's necessary to call 'ModifyFPEExc' to enable the desired floating point exceptions.

Floating point exceptions should not be enabled by standard applications. They are intended to use for debugging purposes.

The data breakpoint feature is not available on PPC603[E].

### SEE ALSO

```
ModifyFPEExc  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h
```

## 1.69 setnicevalue

powerpc.library/SetNiceValue  
SetNiceValue

powerpc.library/ ←

NAME  
SetNiceValue - sets the NICE value of a task (V14)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
OldNice = SetNiceValue(\_PowerPCBase, TaskPPC, Nice)  
r3                  r3                  r4              r5

```
LONG* SetNiceValue(struct Library *, struct TaskPPC *, LONG);
```

FUNCTION  
This function can be used to set the NICE value of a task. The NICE value is a kind of priority, which replaces the old priority in LN\_PRI. NICE values were introduced with the dynamic scheduler which works very differently than the old scheduler.

If a task gets a high NICE value, it means that the task is nice to other tasks and won't request much CPU time. If a task gets a low NICE value, the opposite occurs. Using NICE values it is possible to affect execution speed of tasks.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
TaskPPC - pointer to the task which should be affected  
Nice - the NICE value (-20 ... 20)

RESULT  
The old NICE value

SEE ALSO

```
SetTaskPriPPC  
, powerpc/tasksPPC.i, powerpc/tasksPPC.h
```

## 1.70 setreplyportppc

powerpc.library/SetReplyPortPPC  
SetReplyPortPPC

powerpc.library/ ←

NAME

SetReplyPortPPC - exchanges the reply port of a message (V13)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS

```
OldPort = SetReplyPortPPC(_PowerPCBase, Message, MsgPortPPC)
r3           r4           r5

struct MsgPortPPC* SetReplyPortPPC(struct Library *,
    struct Message *, struct MsgPortPPC *);
```

FUNCTION

This function exchanges the message port of a message. It can be used for internal PPC messages and for InterCPU messages.

INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
Message - a pointer to the message affected  
MsgPortPPC - a pointer to a PPC message port

RESULT

The old reply port, which was installed in the message. Can be NULL, of course.

NOTES

It's possible to specify NULL as MsgPort to remove the reply port.

Don't poke into the message structure at MN\_REPLYPORT, please use this function here.

#### SEE ALSO

```
WaitPortPPC
,
GetMsgPPC
,
ReplyMsgPPC
,
PutMsgPPC
, powerpc/portsPPC.i,
powerpc/portsPPC.h
```

## 1.71 setscheduling

powerpc.library/SetScheduling

powerpc.library/SetScheduling

NAME

SetScheduling - affects scheduling behaviour (V14)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
SetScheduling(\_PowerPCBase, SchedTagList)  
r3 r4

```
void SetScheduling(struct Library *, struct TagItem *);
```

FUNCTION  
This function is used to set some scheduling parameters.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
SchedTagList - pointer to a tagitem array. The following tags are supported:

SCHEDREACTION: Sets the reaction time of low-activity tasks.  
This value can be in range of (1..20). The higher the value the more CPU time a low-activity task gets (but which causes longer blocking of busy tasks). Default is currently 6.

SEE ALSO  
powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.72 setsignalppc

powerpc.library/SetSignalPPC  
SetSignalPPC

powerpc.library/ ←

NAME  
SetSignalPPC - define the state of this task's signals (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
oldSignals = SetSignalPPC(\_PowerPCBase, newSignals, signalMask)  
r3 r4 r5

```
ULONG SetSignalPPC(struct Library *, ULONG, ULONG);
```

FUNCTION  
This function can query or modify the state of the current signals. This function is the mirror function of exec/SetSignal.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
newSignals - the new values for the signals  
signalMask - the set of signals to be affected.

RESULT  
oldSignals - the prior values for all signals

NOTES

It's possible to check for the system signals (i.e. CTRL\_C).

Before V11, this only worked if the task was stated using RunPPC, this is not the case anymore.

SEE ALSO

```
AllocSignalPPC  
'  
FreeSignalPPC  
'  
SignalPPC  
'  
WaitPPC
```

## 1.73 settaskprippc

powerpc.library/SetTaskPriPPC  
SetTaskPriPPC

powerpc.library/ ↵

NAME  
SetTaskPriPPC - get and set the priority of a task (v8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
oldpriority = SetTaskPriPPC(\_PowerPCBase, taskPPC, priority)  
r3                  r3                  r4                  r5

LONG SetTaskPriPPC(struct Library \*, struct TaskPPC \*, LONG);

FUNCTION  
This function changes the priority of a task regardless of its state. The old priority of the task is returned. A reschedule may be performed. This is the mirror function of exec/SetTaskPri.

Important: These task priorities are completely useless from V14 on because of the new dynamic scheduler which uses NICE values instead of fixed priorities. Use 'SetNiceValue' to give tasks more or less CPU time.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
taskPPC - task to be affected  
priority - the new priority for the task

RESULT  
old priority - the tasks previous priority

SEE ALSO

SetNiceValue

## 1.74 signal68k

powerpc.library/Signal68K

powerpc.library/Signal68K

NAME

SignalPPC - signal a 68K task (V8)

CPU

PowerPC

SYNOPSIS

Signal68K(\_PowerPCBase, task, signals)  
r3            r4            r5

void Signal68K(struct Library \*, struct Task\*, ULONG);

FUNCTION

This function signals a 68K task with the given signals. If the signalled task is sleeping, it's woken up and a reschedule may occur.

INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
task - the 68K task to be signalled  
signals - the signals to be sent

## 1.75 signalppc

powerpc.library/SignalPPC  
library/SignalPPC

powerpc. ←

NAME

SignalPPC - signal a task (V8)

CPU

PowerPC

SYNOPSIS

SignalPPC(\_PowerPCBase, taskPPC, signals)  
r3            r4            r5

void SignalPPC(struct Library \*, struct TaskPPC\*, ULONG);

FUNCTION

This function signals a task with the given signals. If the signalled task is sleeping, it's woken up and a reschedule may occur. This is the mirror function of exec/Signal.

INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

taskPPC - the task to be signalled  
signals - the signals to be sent

#### NOTES

This function is safe to call from exception handlers.

Since V11 it's possible to signal a 68K task directly with 'SignalPPC' and the 68K task structure in r4.

Before V11, 'SignalPPC' only worked, if the PPC task had a mirror 68K task. Since V11, every PPC task has a mirror task, so 'SignalPPC' can always be used.

Furthermore, all signals, which are sent to a task currently waiting for its mirror task to complete, are transferred automatically to the mirror task. In fact, the whole signal system is shared and can be viewed as one single 'virtual signaling system'. It really doesn't matter, on which CPU a program is running, the signals are always transferred to the currently active part.

#### SEE ALSO

AllocSignalPPC  
,

FreeSignalPPC  
,

SetSignalPPC  
,

WaitPPC

## 1.76 snooptask

powerpc.library/SnoopTask  
library/SnoopTask

powerpc. ↵

#### NAME

SnoopTask - monitors beginning or end of a PPC task (V13)

CPU  
PowerPC

#### SYNOPSIS

SnoopID = SnoopTask (\_PowerPCBase, SnoopTags)  
r3                  r3                  r4

ULONG SnoopTask (struct Library \*, struct TagItem \*);

#### FUNCTION

This function allows to install a callback job, which is executed when a new PPC task is started or when a PPC task is removed. This is useful for debuggers which want to be kept informed about new tasks installed into the system and about tasks removed from the system.

The callback function has two different formats (prototypes), dependant on the type of callback:

1. callback function for monitoring the beginning of a PPC task  
(SNOOP\_TYPE = TASK\_START)

**SYNOPSIS:**

```
CallbackFunction (PPCTask, EntryCode, CreatorTask, CreatorCPU)
    r3          r4          r5          r6
```

```
void CallbackFunction (struct TaskPPC *, APTR, struct Task *, ULONG);
```

**INPUTS:**

PPCTask - pointer to the new PPC task which is created  
EntryCode - pointer to the start code, which will be executed  
by the new task

CreatorTask - pointer to the task structure of the task, which  
created the new PPC task. If the new task is created  
due to a call of RunPPC from 68K side, then the  
CreatorTask points to the 68K-Task-Structure. If  
the PPC task was created by directly calling  
'CreateTaskPPC', CreatorTask points to this PPC task.

CreatorCPU - One of two possible values:

CREATOR\_PPC : The new PPC task was created using  
'CreateTaskPPC' by a PPC task.

CREATOR\_68K : The new PPC task was created using  
'RunPPC' by a 68K task.

2. callback function for monitoring the end of a PPC task  
(SNOOP\_TYPE = TASK\_EXIT)

**SYNOPSIS:**

```
CallbackFunction (PPCTask)
    r3
```

```
void CallbackFunction (struct TaskPPC *);
```

**INPUTS:**

PPCTask - pointer to the PPC task which is removed. NEVER use  
FindTaskPPC(NULL), because it's possible that a PPC  
task is removed by another PPC task!

**INPUTS**

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
TagItems - pointer to a tagitem array. The following tags are  
supported:

SNOOP\_CODE: pointer to the callback function which should  
be called, if a new PPC task is created or  
if a PPC task is removed.

SNOOP\_DATA: custom data which passed in register r2.  
this will usually be the smalldata base of  
the task which wants to snoop other tasks

to gain access to more data space.

SNOOP\_TYPE: two possible values:

- SNOOP\_START : The callback function is called when a new PPC task is created
- SNOOP\_EXIT : The callback function is called when a PPC task is removed

RESULT

SnoopID - An ID, which must be passed to EndSnoopTask, as soon as the snooping action should be terminated. NULL, if an error occurs.

## SEE ALSO

[EndSnoopTask](#)

**1.77 sprintf**

powerpc.library/Sprintf

powerpc.library/Sprintf

## NAME

Sprintf - prints a formatted string to the serial port (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

## SYNOPSIS

```
Sprintf (_PowerPCBase, Formatstring, values )
      r3          r4          r5
```

```
void Sprintf (struct Library *, STRPTR, APTR);
```

## FUNCTION

Prints a formatted string to the serial port using the AMIGA-OS functions 'exec/RawPutChar' and 'exec/RawDoFmt'. Can be used to add debugging features and to improve the maintenance of software.

## INPUTS

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
 Formatstring - A C style string with % commands to indicate where parameters have to be inserted (see 'exec/RawDoFmt' for a detailed description of these commands).  
 values - A pointer to an array of parameters to be inserted into specified places in the string.

SEE ALSO  
[exec/RawDoFmt](#)

**1.78 subtimeppc**

powerpc.library/SubTimePPC  
 library/SubTimePPC

powerpc. ←

NAME  
SubTimePPC - subtracts one time request from another (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
SubTimePPC(\_PowerPCBase, Dest, Source)  
    r3                r4                r5

```
void SubTimePPC(struct Library *, struct timeval *, struct timeval *);
```

FUNCTION  
This routine subtracts one timeval structure from another. The results are stored in the destination (Dest - Source -> Dest)

This is the mirror function of timer/SubTime.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
Dest - pointer to a timeval structure  
Source - pointer to a timeval structure

NOTES  
This function is safe to call from exception handlers

SEE ALSO

```
GetSysTimePPC  
'  
AddTimePPC  
'  
CmpTimePPC
```

## 1.79 super

powerpc.library/Super  
library/Super

powerpc. ↵

NAME  
Super - switch to supervisor mode (V9)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
SuperKey = Super(\_PowerPCBase)  
r3                        r3

```
ULONG Super(struct Library *);
```

FUNCTION  
This function changes the current task to supervisor mode.

**INPUTS**

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

**RESULT**

SuperKey - A key value which must be passed to 'User' to switch back to user mode

**NOTES**

Applications should generally not enter supervisor mode. Check first if there exists a library function which gives you access to the supervisor resources required.

**SEE ALSO**

User

## 1.80 unlocktasklist

powerpc.library/UnLockTaskList  
UnLockTaskList

powerpc.library/ ←

**NAME**

UnLockTaskList - unlocks a list locked by LockTaskList (V10)

**CPU**

PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**

UnLockTaskList (\_PowerPCBase)  
r3

void UnLockTaskList(struct Library \*);

**FUNCTION**

Unlocks the task list which was locked by LockTaskList

**INPUTS**

\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library

**SEE ALSO**

LockTaskList  
, powerpc/tasksppc.i, powerpc/tasksppc.h

## 1.81 user

powerpc.library/User  
library/User

powerpc. ←

NAME  
User - switch to user mode (V9)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
User (\_PowerPCBase, SuperKey)  
r3 r4

void User(struct Library \*, ULONG);

FUNCTION  
This function changes the current task to user mode.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
SuperKey - The return value of the matching call of 'Super'

SEE ALSO

Super

## 1.82 waitfor68k

powerpc.library/WaitFor68K powerpc. ←  
library/WaitFor68K

NAME  
WaitFor68K - waits for the completion of an asynchrone 68K call (V7)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
status = WaitFor68K(\_PowerPCBase, PPStruct )  
r3 r3 r4

LONG WaitFor68K (struct Library \*, struct PowerPC \*);

FUNCTION  
After an asynchrone 68K call was done (see Run68K) this function must be called to wait for the completion of the 68K function. All registers transferred to the PowerPC with Run68K are returned into the PowerPC Structure.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
PPStruct - Pointer to a PowerPC Structure (see Run68K for a description of the elements). The structure has not to be initialized.  
The structure must be transferred to hold the returned registers by the 68K function.

RESULT

status - PPERR\_SUCCESS if the call was successfully  
PPERR\_WAITERR if WaitFor68K is called after a synchrone 68K  
call.

#### NOTES

Assembler programmers should use the macros WAITFOR68K and  
WAITFOR68K\_XL located in the include file 'powerpc/powerpc.i'

#### SEE ALSO

Run68K  
, powerpc/powerpc.i, powerpc/powerpc.h

## 1.83 waitportppc

powerpc.library/WaitPortPPC  
/WaitPortPPC

powerpc.library ←

**NAME**  
WaitPortPPC - wait for a given port to be non-empty (V11)

CPU  
PowerPC

**SYNOPSIS**  
message = WaitPortPPC(\_PowerPCBase, MsgPortPPC)  
r3                  r3                  r4  
  
struct Message \*WaitPortPPC(struct Library \*, struct MsgPortPPC \*);

**FUNCTION**  
This function waits until the given port becomes non-empty. The first message in the port is returned without removing it from the port. This is the mirror function of exec/WaitPort.

**INPUTS**  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
port - a pointer to a message port

**RESULTS**  
message - a pointer to the first available message

#### SEE ALSO

PutMsgPPC  
,

GetMsgPPC  
,

ReplyMsgPPC  
, powerpc/portsPPC.i,  
powerpc/portsPPC.h

## 1.84 waitppc

powerpc.library/WaitPPC  
library/WaitPPC

NAME  
WaitPPC – wait for one or more signals (V8)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
signals = WaitPPC(\_PowerPCBase, signalSet)  
r3                  r3                  r4  
ULONG WaitPPC(struct Library \*, ULONG);

FUNCTION  
This function attempts to wait for the given signals. If at least one of these signal is already set, the task returns immediately, otherwise it changes to waiting state. This is the mirror function of exec/Wait.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase – base of powerpc.library  
signalSet – the set of signals for which to wait

RESULTS  
signals – the signals which were received

NOTES  
Since V11 it's possible to wait for signals which might be sent by 68K tasks (and maybe only to the mirror 68K task of this PPC task here). Calling exec/Signal with a PPC task structure as first argument will work, too.  
See the description of 'SignalPPC' for more information about the shared signaling system.

SEE ALSO

AllocSignalPPC  
,

FreeSignalPPC  
,

SetSignalPPC  
,

SignalPPC

## 1.85 waittime

powerpc.library/WaitTime  
library/WaitTime

powerpc. ←

NAME  
WaitTime - wait for a given time or for given signals (V10)

CPU  
PowerPC

SYNOPSIS  
signals = WaitTime (\_PowerPCBase, signalSet, time)  
r3                  r3                  r4                  r5  
  
ULONG WaitTime(struct Library \*, ULONG, ULONG);

FUNCTION  
This function attempts to wait for a specific time or for given signals. This function acts just like 'WaitPPC' with the difference that the task returns when the time specified is over.

INPUTS  
\_PowerPCBase - base of powerpc.library  
signalSet - the set of signals for which to wait (can be 0 if the task should only wait for a given time)  
time - the time in microseconds to wait

RESULTS  
signals - the signals which were received (if this value is 0, then the time is up).

NOTES  
The time which explicitly passes between calling 'WaitTime' and returning from it can vary dependant of current system state. If many tasks are active, the time can be delayed. Furthermore the overhead of this function must be taken in account.

SEE ALSO

WaitPPC