

# Technical Note FL23

## ioNamePtr in File Manager Calls

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It is very important to set `ioNamePtr` when making PB calls, even if you don't want those calls to return a name. Whenever *Inside Macintosh* indicates that `ioNamePtr` is either required for input or returns something, you must set `ioNamePtr` to either `nil` (if you aren't using a name) or to point to storage for a `Str255`.

If you don't explicitly set `ioNamePtr`, strange and unusual crashes may occur, depending on the machine/configuration your code is run on.

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The File Manager

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