

**clipboard**

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# Chapter 1

## clipboard

### 1.1 clipboard.doc

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CMD_WRITE
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### 1.2 clipboard.device/CBD\_CHANGEHOOK

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NAME
CBD_CHANGEHOOK -- Add or remove a clip change hook

FUNCTION
CBD_CHANGEHOOK allows specification of a hook to be called
when the data on the clipboard has changed.

IO REQUEST
io_Message  mn_ReplyPort set up
io_Device   preset by OpenDevice
io_Unit     preset by OpenDevice
io_Command  CBD_CHANGEHOOK
io_Length - 0 to remove, 1 to install this hook
io_Data - struct Hook *, the clip change hook

HOOK ENVIRONMENT
hook message - a ClipHookMsg, as defined in devices/clipboard.h
chm_Type - 0, indicating that the message has the
            following fields:
chm_ClipID - the clip ID of the clip triggering the change
hook object - io_Unit
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### 1.3 clipboard.device/CBD\_CURRENTREADID

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## NAME

CBD\_CURRENTREADID -- Determine the current read identifier.

## FUNCTION

CBD\_CURRENTREADID fills the io\_ClipID with a clip identifier that can be compared with that of a post command: if greater than the post identifier then the post data held privately by an application is not valid for its own pasting.

## IO REQUEST

io\_Message mn\_ReplyPort set up  
io\_Device preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Unit preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Command CBD\_CURRENTREADID

## RESULTS

io\_ClipID the ClipID of the current write is set

## 1.4 clipboard.device/CBD\_CURRENTWRITEID

## NAME

CBD\_CURRENTWRITEID -- Determine the current write identifier.

## FUNCTION

CBD\_CURRENTWRITEID fills the io\_ClipID with a clip identifier that can be compared with that of a post command: if greater than the post identifier then the post is obsolete and need never be satisfied.

## IO REQUEST

io\_Message mn\_ReplyPort set up  
io\_Device preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Unit preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Command CBD\_CURRENTWRITEID

## RESULTS

io\_ClipID the ClipID of the current write is set

## 1.5 clipboard.device/CBD\_POST

## NAME

CBD\_POST -- Post availability of a clip to the clipboard.

## FUNCTION

Indicate to the clipboard device that data is available for use by accessors of the clipboard. This is intended to be used when a cut is large, in a private data format, and/or changing frequently, and it thus makes sense to avoid converting it to an IFF form and writing it to the clipboard unless another application wants it. The post provides a message port to which the clipboard device will send a satisfy

message if the data is required.

If the satisfy message is received, the write associated with the post must be performed. The act of writing the clip indicates that the message has been received: it may then be re-used by the clipboard device, and so must actually be removed from the satisfy message port so that the port is not corrupted.

If the application wishes to determine if a post it has performed is still the current clip, it should check the post's `io_ClipID` with that returned by the `CBD_CURRENTREADID` command. If the current read `io_ClipID` is greater, the clip is not still current.

If an application has a pending post and wishes to determine if it should satisfy it (e.g. before it exits), it should check the post's `io_ClipID` with that returned by the `CBD_CURRENTWRITEID` command. If the current write `io_ClipID` is greater, there is no need to satisfy the post.

#### IO REQUEST

`io_Message` `mn_ReplyPort` set up  
`io_Device` preset by `OpenDevice`  
`io_Unit` preset by `OpenDevice`  
`io_Command` `CBD_POST`  
`io_Data` pointer to satisfy message port  
`io_ClipID` zero

#### RESULTS

`io_Error` non-zero if an error occurred  
`io_ClipID` the clip ID assigned to this post, to be used in the write command if this is satisfied

## 1.6 clipboard.device/CMD\_READ

#### NAME

`CMD_READ` -- Read from a clip on the clipboard.

#### FUNCTION

The read function serves two purposes.

When `io_Offset` is within the clip, this acts as a normal read request, and `io_Data` is filled with data from the clipboard. The first read request should have a zero `io_ClipID`, which will be filled with the ID assigned for this read. Normal sequential access from the beginning of the clip is achieved by setting `io_Offset` to zero for the first read, then leaving it untouched for subsequent reads. If `io_Data` is null, then `io_Offset` is incremented by `io_Actual` as if `io_Length` bytes had been read: this is useful to skip to the end of file by using a huge `io_Length`.

When `io_Offset` is beyond the end of the clip, this acts as a

signal to the clipboard device that the application is through reading this clip. Realize that while an application is in the middle of reading a clip, any attempts to write new data to the clipboard are held off. This read past the end of file indicates that those operations may now be initiated.

IO REQUEST  
io\_Message mn\_ReplyPort set up  
io\_Device preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Unit preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Command CMD\_READ  
io\_Length number of bytes to put in data buffer  
io\_Data pointer to buffer of data to fill, or null to skip over data  
io\_Offset byte offset of data to read  
io\_ClipID zero if this is the initial read

RESULTS  
io\_Error non-zero if an error occurred  
io\_Actual filled with the actual number of bytes read  
io\_Data (the buffer now has io\_Actual bytes of data)  
io\_Offset updated to next read position, which is beyond EOF if io\_Actual != io\_Length  
io\_ClipID the clip ID assigned to this read: do not alter for subsequent reads

## 1.7 clipboard.device/CMD\_UPDATE

NAME  
CMD\_UPDATE -- Terminate the writing of a clip to the clipboard.

FUNCTION  
Indicate to the clipboard that the previous write commands are complete and can be used for any pending pastes (reads). This command cannot be issued while any of the write commands are pending.

IO REQUEST  
io\_Message mn\_ReplyPort set up  
io\_Device preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Unit preset by OpenDevice  
io\_Command CMD\_UPDATE  
io\_ClipID the ClipID of the write

RESULTS  
io\_Error non-zero if an error occurred

## 1.8 clipboard.device/CMD\_WRITE

NAME  
CMD\_WRITE -- Write to a clip on the clipboard.

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#### FUNCTION

This command writes data to the clipboard. This data can be provided sequentially by clearing `io_Offset` for the initial write, and using the incremented value unaltered for subsequent writes. If `io_Offset` is ever beyond the current clip size, the clip is padded with zeros.

If this write is in response to a `SatisfyMsg` for a pending post, then the `io_ClipID` returned by the `CBD_POST` command must be used. Otherwise, a new ID is obtained by clearing the `io_ClipID` for the first write. Subsequent writes must not alter the `io_ClipID`.

#### IO REQUEST

`io_Message` `mn_ReplyPort` set up  
`io_Device` preset by `OpenDevice`  
`io_Unit` preset by `OpenDevice`  
`io_Command` `CMD_WRITE`  
`io_Length` number of bytes from `io_Data` to write  
`io_Data` pointer to block of data to write  
`io_Offset` usually zero if this is the initial write  
`io_ClipID` zero if this is the initial write, `ClipID` of the Post if this is to satisfy a post

#### RESULTS

`io_Error` non-zero if an error occurred  
`io_Actual` filled with the actual number of bytes written  
`io_Offset` updated to next write position  
`io_ClipID` the clip ID assigned to this write: do not alter for subsequent writes

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