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TECHNOTE : On QuickTime Component Manager 3.0 & PowerPC Native Components

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This Note contains information about the version of the Component Manager that shipped with QuickTime 1.6 and the changes necessary to support native PowerPC components.

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About Component Manager 3.0

The Component Manager in QuickTime 1.6.x and for the Power Macintosh (PowerPC) release has some new features. It has added the ability to automatically resolve conflicts between different versions of the same component. It will ensure that only the most recent version of a given component is actually registered. The Component Manager now supports Icon Suites for a component, so a component's icon no longer has to be just black and white. In addition, the Component Manager can support code written in the native format of the PowerPC.

The result returned for the Gestalt selector `gestaltComponentMgr` will be 3, indicating version number 3 of the Component Manager. This is the version being discussed in this Note. To insure that you have the features discussed here, check that version 3 is installed.

For support of the Power Macintosh, the Component Manager has been extended to allow use of native PowerPC components. When the Component Manager loads a native component on the Power Macintosh, it uses the Code Fragment Manager and calls `GetMemFragment` and then later `CloseConnection` when it unloads your code resource (specified in a `ComponentPlatformInfo`). This is how the Component Manager supports a native code fragment.

A component can support multiple platforms such as the 68K and PowerPC. Existing 68K code is always supported on the Power Macintosh through emulation. But you can also have native PowerPC code for your component to support better performance. The Component Manager will allow you to create a component that contains both code formats, so that you can support all platforms with a single component. The Component Manager also was extended in a way that allows for native PowerPC only components (without any 68K code support).

Extended ComponentResource

The `ComponentResource` data structure (the 'thing' resource) has been extended. These extensions define additional information about the component. The complete data structure is shown below. The first portion is the same as the

existing `ComponentResource`, with the new fields added at the end. The Component Manager determines if it is present by examining the size of the 'thng' resource.

```
struct ExtComponentResource {
    ComponentDescription    cd;                /* Registration parameters */
    ResourceSpec            component;         /* resource where Component code is found */
    ResourceSpec            componentName;    /* name string resource */
    ResourceSpec            componentInfo;    /* info string resource */
    ResourceSpec            componentIcon;    /* icon resource */

    // new data for Component Manager version 3
    long                    componentVersion; /* version of Component */
    long                    componentRegisterFlags; /* flags for registration */
    short                   componentIconFamily; /* resource id of Icon Family */
    long                    count;           /* elements in platformArray */
    ComponentPlatformInfo platformArray[1];

};
```

componentVersion

The `componentVersion` field contains the version number of the component. This should be identical to the value returned by `GetComponentVersion`. For convenience, if this value is set to 0, the component is called to get the version. This is useful during development. The version number stored in the `ComponentResourceExtension` is used by the Component Manager to avoid having to load and call the component to retrieve the component's version during startup.

componentRegisterFlags

The `componentRegisterFlags` allow you to define additional register information. These flags are discussed below.

```
/* Component Resource Extension flags */

componentDoAutoVersion          = (1<<0)
componentWantsUnregister        = (1<<1)
componentAutoVersionIncludeFlags = (1<<2)
componentHasMultiplePlatforms   = (1<<3)
```

The `componentDoAutoVersion` flag tells the Component Manager that you want your component registered only if there is no later version available. If there is an older version of the component installed, it will be unregistered. If an older version of the same component attempts to register after you, it will be immediately unregistered. Further, if a newer version of the same component registers after you, you will automatically be unregistered. Using the automatic version control feature of the Component Manager allows you to make sure that only the most recent version of your software is running on a given machine, regardless of how many versions may be installed.

The `componentWantsUnregister` flag indicates that your component wants to be called when it is unregistered. This is useful if your component allocates global memory at register time, for example. The prototype of the unregister message is identical to the register message. If your component has never been opened, its unregister message is not be called. The routine selector for unregister is given below.

```
kComponentUnregisterSelect      = -7
```

The `componentAutoVersionIncludeFlags` flag tells the Component Manager to use the component flags as criteria for

its component search. If a component wants automatic version control, the Component Manager has to search for similar components. Normally, the Component Manager searches only for another component using the type, subType, and manufacturer fields of a `ComponentDescription` record. This flag tells the Component Manager to include the `componentFlags` in its search.

The `componentHasMultiplePlatforms` flag indicates that your component contains multiple versions of the code for different platforms. If you plan on supporting the PowerPC native code format, then you need to use the `ComponentPlatformInfo` within the component resource structure. Then set this bit in the `componentRegisterFlags` field. If this bit is not set then the code is assumed to be 68K format. Without this flag being set, the Component Manager will ignore any `ComponentPlatformInfo`.

componentIconFamily

Finally, the `componentIconFamily` field allows you to provide the resource ID of a System 7 Icon Suite. If this field is 0, it indicates that there is no icon suite.

count

This is the number of elements contained in the `ComponentPlatformInfo` array.

platformArray

This is an array of elements that describe the code to be used for different platforms. If the platform is for 68K, then the information within this element is a copy from the `componentFlags` of the `ComponentDescription` and `ResourceSpec` of the original `ComponentResource` structure. This insures backwards compatibility with older Component Managers. If the component contains native code support for the PowerPC, then an element of the array will contain the information about its `componentFlags`, resource type, and resource ID.

The `platformType` field is a value that represents which platform the component code is to support. The Gestalt result for selector `gestaltSysArchitecture` will be matched with the value in `platformType` of the `ComponentResource`. If a match is found, then that code is used to support the given platform.

```

gestalt68k      = 1,                /* Motorola MC68K architecture */
gestaltPowerPC = 2,                /* IBM PowerPC architecture    */

struct ResourceSpec {
    OSType      resType;    /* 4-byte code */
    short      resID;
};

typedef struct ResourceSpec ResourceSpec;

struct ComponentPlatformInfo
{
    long        componentFlags;    /* flags of Component */
    ResourceSpec component;        /* resource where Component code is found */
    short      platformType;      /* gestaltSysArchitecture result */
};

```

Component Manager version 3 routines

GetComponentIconSuite

`GetComponentIconSuite` returns an Icon Suite for the given component. This call works only under System 7 or later.

If called on System 6, it returns an error. If the component doesn't have an Icon Suite but does have a Component Icon (as returned by `GetComponentInfo`), `GetComponentIconSuite` creates an Icon Suite containing just the black-and-white Component Icon. In this way, you can use `GetComponentIconSuite` whether or not a component has an Icon Suite.

```
pascal OSErr GetComponentIconSuite(Component aComponent, Handle *iconSuite)
```

`aComponent` Component ID, retrieved with `FindNextComponent`.

`iconSuite` Pointer to the Icon Suite you will receive.

RegisterComponent

RegisterComponentResource

RegisterComponentResourceFile

The only change made to these routines was to modify the use of the global parameter. The upper byte now contains the platform ID to be used by the component being registered. This change is necessary because these calls do not have access to the `ComponentResource` which contains the `ComponentPlatformInfo`. If the upper byte of the global parameter is zero, then the platform is assumed to be the platform68k.

Creating a PowerPC ComponentResource

The basics step for running on a Power Macintosh with a native component are:

- Create component code fragment with native PowerPC code
- Main entry point to code is a mixed mode routine descriptor
- Package component code fragment as a resource
- If you supply an interface for the component to be called directly, then for PowerPC code to call your component you must provide custom glue to make the call.
- Create the extended 'thng' resource using the `ComponentPlatformInfo`

Each of these steps are discussed in more detail as follows:

Creating the component code fragment

The first step in creating a native PowerPC component is to port your code. For complete details on porting to PowerPC, see *Inside Macintosh: PowerPC System Software*. Especially important for the following discussion is an understanding of the Mixed Mode and Code Fragment Managers.

Like other code ported for PowerPC, anytime your code uses a callback function (`ProcPtr`), it must be converted to a `UniversalProcPtr`. But unlike callbacks defined by the system, callbacks to your component have their own function prototypes. With the exception of some callbacks defined for QuickTime components, there are no system supplied function prototypes or `UniversalProcPtrs`, so you must create these yourself.

If, in response to a request code, your component dispatches to internal functions using `CallComponentFunction` or `CallComponentFunctionWithStorage`, then this is a place where you must use a `UniversalProcPtr`.

Suppose your component currently responds to an open request as follows:

```
switch (params->what)
{
    case kComponentOpenSelect:      /* Open request */
    {
        result = CallComponentFunctionWithStorage (storage, params, MyOpen);
        break;
    }
}
```

`MyOpen` is an internal function callback, so you must create a `RoutineDescriptor/UniversalProcPtr` for it. `MyOpen` is declared as follows:

```
pascal ComponentResult MyOpen (Handle storage, ComponentInstance self);
```

The first step is to create a `ProcInfo` value for this function:

```
enum {
    uppMyOpenProcInfo = kPascalStackBased
        | RESULT_SIZE(SIZE_CODE(sizeof(ComponentResult)))
        | STACK_ROUTINE_PARAMETER(1, SIZE_CODE(sizeof(Handle)))
        | STACK_ROUTINE_PARAMETER(2, SIZE_CODE(sizeof(ComponentInstance)))
};
```

Next you must update your source to build a `UniversalProcPtr` and use it. You could use `NewRoutineDescriptor` for this purpose, but the disadvantage is that creates a heap object which your component must dispose of properly.

An alternate approach is to declare a global `RoutineDescriptor` (global variables are not a problem for a native PowerPC component, since a code fragment automatically has global variables):

```
#ifdef powerc

RoutineDescriptor MyOpenRD = BUILD_ROUTINE_DESCRIPTOR
(uppMyOpenProcInfo, MyOpen);

#endif
```

If you want your code to be compilable for both 68K and PowerPC, using the Universal Interfaces, then to avoid a lot of conditional compilation, the following macros may be useful:

```
#ifdef powerc

#define CallComponentFunctionWithStorageUniv(storage, params, funcName) \
    CallComponentFunctionWithStorage(storage, params, &funcName##RD)

#define CallComponentFunctionUniv(params, funcName) \
    CallComponentFunction(params, &funcName##RD)

#define INSTANTIATE_ROUTINE_DESCRIPTOR(funcName) RoutineDescriptor funcName##RD = \
    BUILD_ROUTINE_DESCRIPTOR (upp##funcName##ProcInfo, funcName)

#else

#define CallComponentFunctionWithStorageUniv(storage, params, funcName) \
    CallComponentFunctionWithStorage(storage, params, \
    (ComponentFunctionUPP)funcName)

#define CallComponentFunctionUniv(params, funcName) \
    CallComponentFunction(params, (ComponentFunctionUPP)funcName)

#endif
```

These macros, exactly analogous to `CallComponentFunction` and `CallComponentFunctionWithStorage`, generate the appropriate code when compiled for 68K and PowerPC. Note that the PowerPC macro expansion depends on the global `RoutineDescriptor` name being `FuncNameRD`, i.e., the name of the function with `RD` appended. The `INSTANTIATE_ROUTINE_DESCRIPTOR` macro can be used for that purpose:

```
#ifndef powerc

INSTANTIATE_ROUTINE_DESCRIPTOR(MyOpen);

#endif
```

This is identical to the declaration of `MyOpenRD` earlier, but simplifies the editing.

With all the conditional stuff out of the way, then the original code can simply be updated by replacing `CallComponentFunctionWithStorage` with `CallComponentFunctionWithStorageUniv`:

```
switch (params->what)
{
    case kComponentOpenSelect:    // Open request
    {
        result = CallComponentFunctionWithStorageUniv(storage, params, MyOpen);
        break;
    }
}
```

Repeat the above steps for all internal component dispatches you make.

Setting the main entry point

Lastly, you must set up the entry point into your component correctly. Unlike a 68K code resource, a PowerPC code fragment (which your component will be) has a well defined entry point. The Component Manager, rather than just jumping to the start of the code resource, will call the main entry point, as defined when linking, instead.

But the Component Manager is 68K code, which means your main entry point must be a `RoutineDescriptor`. You can set that up as follows:

```
pascal ComponentResult main    (ComponentParameters    *params,
                                Handle                    storage);

#ifdef powerc
enum {
    uppMainProcInfo = kPascalStackBased
        | RESULT_SIZE(SIZE_CODE(sizeof(ComponentResult)))
        | STACK_ROUTINE_PARAMETER(1, SIZE_CODE(sizeof(ComponentParameters *)))
        | STACK_ROUTINE_PARAMETER(2, SIZE_CODE(sizeof(Handle)))
};

RoutineDescriptor MainRD = BUILD_ROUTINE_DESCRIPTOR(uppMainProcInfo, main);
#endif
```

When you link the component, you must then specify `MainRD` as the entry point.

Note:

Your development environment may issue a warning because your main entry point is in a data section, not a code section. You may ignore the warning.

Note:

If your code is dependent on C or C++ runtime initializations, then your main entry point would be `__start` or

`__cplusplus`, respectively, rather than `main`. Modify the previous example accordingly.

Note:

Some components rely on a "fast dispatching" mechanism for calling component functions. This mechanism is dependent on the 68K architecture and is unsupported for native components, although it will work for emulated components running on the Power Macintosh.

Note:

In all these modifications for PowerPC, the most difficult thing to get right is the `ProcInfo` value. It's very easy to make a "cut and paste" error, or get a type wrong (short instead of short *). If your component is crashing the first thing to check (and check and check and check!) are the `ProcInfo` values.

Packaging the PowerPC component into a resource

PowerPC development tools create your PowerPC code in a code fragment in the data fork of the file. Your component code must be a resource (the resource type and id are specified in the `'thng'` resource described below). You can use the MPW Rez "read" command to read from the data fork into a resource. For example:

```
read 'mycp' (130) mycomponent.pef;
```

reads the code fragment from the file `mycomponent.pef` and creates the resource `'mycp'(130)`.

Providing an interface to the component

If you wish your component to be called directly, you must also supply an interface so callers know how to call it. For standard functions, such as `Open`, `Close`, `Version`, etc., this is not a problem as the Component Manager supplies functions to do this for you. Nor is this a problem if you are writing QuickTime components, since QuickTime supplies standard interfaces and libraries for calling components.

But one of the advantages of the Component Manager is it lets you define your own routines with their own parameter lists, and for these routines you must supply an interface. Typically, for 68K this involved providing callers an interface file with function prototypes for your calls and inline 68K assembly to actually make the call.

Obviously, the inline 68K code is a problem for a native PowerPC caller, so you must provide glue to accomplish the same thing. The following discussion also applies to calling a 68K component from PowerPC code. The interface is the same, either way.

To take the example for *Inside Macintosh: More Macintosh Toolbox*, page 6-30, you might have a call like:

```
pascal ComponentResult DrawerSetup (ComponentInstance myInstance, Rect *r) =
    ComponentCallNow (kDrawerSetUpSelect, 4);
```

`ComponentCallNow` is a macro that expands to inline 68K code that pushes additional parameters and then executes an A-trap to call the Component Manager.

The first thing when using the new Universal Headers is that the definition of `ComponentCallNow` has changed slightly. The above declaration would change to:

```
pascal ComponentResult DrawerSetup (ComponentInstance myInstance, Rect *r)
    ComponentCallNow (kDrawerSetUpSelect, 4);
```

The only difference in this declaration is that the ``='` character is missing. This is necessary to allow the code to compile for both 68K and PowerPC.

For 68K code, `ComponentCallNow` continues to expand to inline 68K code, but for PowerPC, the `ComponentCallNow` macro expands to nothing, which means the above declaration reduces to:

```
pascal ComponentResult DrawerSetup (ComponentInstance myInstance, Rect *r) ;
```

You must now supply glue for `DrawerSetup` that does the same thing on PowerPC as the 68K inlines would do.

The strategy here is to mimic what 68K code calling your component would do. Namely, push a bunch of parameters on


```

};

typedef struct DrawerSetupParams DrawerSetupParams;

struct DrawerSetupGluePB {
    unsigned char    componentFlags;        /* Flags - set to zero */
    unsigned char    componentParamSize;    /* Size of the params struct */
    short            componentWhat;         /* The component request selector */
    DrawerSetupParams  params;              /* The parameters, see above */
    ComponentInstance instance;            /* This component instance */
};

typedef struct DrawerSetupGluePB DrawerSetupGluePB;

#ifdef powerc
#pragma options align=reset
#endif

    DrawerSetupGluePB myDrawerSetupGluePB;

    myDrawerSetupGluePB.componentFlags = 0;
    myDrawerSetupGluePB.componentParamSize = kDrawerSetupParamSize;
    myDrawerSetupGluePB.componentWhat = kDrawerSetUpSelect;
    myDrawerSetupGluePB.params.theRect = r;
    myDrawerSetupGluePB.instance = myInstance;

    return CallUniversalProc(CallComponentUPP,
        uppCallComponentProcInfo, &myDrawerSetupGluePB);
}

```

Repeat the above steps for all the public functions for your component. To allow for future updating, the best way to make this glue available to your clients is to build the glue into a Code Fragment Manager shared library that is built into your component. Provide your client with an XCOFF file to link against. That way, if the glue changes, the client applications will not have to be relinked.

Important:

Be sure you choose a unique name for the glue library to avoid possible name conflicts.

Creating the extended 'thng' ComponentResource

Here is how to create the 'thng' ComponentResource for a component that supports both platform68k and platformPowerPC. This is the source for MPW Rez using the latest version of Types.r that supports the UseExtendedThingResource template. Before using the new Types.r you need to define the UseExtendedThingResource conditional with the value 1.

A component defined with this resource will work for all previous versions of the Component Manager. By keeping the original portions of the ComponentResource setup for the platform68k information, it allows your component to work on all 68K Macintosh computers. Adding the new information about your code fragment for the Power Macintosh allows the Component Manager for that machine to use your native code.

```

resource 'thng' (128, purgeable) {
    kComponentType,
    kComponentSubType,
    kComponentCreator,
    cmpWantsRegisterMessage,
    kAnyComponentFlagsMask,
    k68KCodeType, k68KCodeID,
    'STR ', kComponentNameStringID,
    'STR ', kComponentInfoStringID,
    'ICON', kComponentIconID,

#ifdef UseExtendedThingResource
    0x00010001, /* version 1.1 */
    componentHasMultiplePlatforms,
    kComponentIconFamilyID,
    {
cmpWantsRegisterMessage, k68KCodeType, k68KCodeID, platform68k,
    cmpWantsRegisterMessage, kPowerPCCodeType, kPowerPCCodeID,
    platformPowerPC
    };
#endif
};

```

If you have a component that only supports the 68K Macintosh, then you do not need to use the extended `ComponentResource` structure. However, if you wish to utilize Icon Families and automatic version registration, then use the extended `ComponentResource` without the `ComponentPlatformInfo` and do not set the `componentHasMultiplePlatforms` flag of the `componentRegisterFlags`. You may also include the `ComponentPlatformInfo` if you wish to and just have a single element that describes your 68K component code.

If you have a "fat" component, with both 68K and PowerPC code, set the component flags as you would for the 68K only case and duplicate that information in the `ComponentPlatformInfo` portion of the extended resource. That will allow your component to work correctly for versions of the Component Manager that are not aware of the extended 'thng' resource.

If you have a component that only supports the PowerPC in native mode, then you must use the extended `ComponentResource`. In this case, some care must be taken so that the component will not be registered on 68K machines. Set the `ResourceSpec` field in the non-extended part of the 'thng' resource to zero. In addition, set the component flags in the non-extended part of the resource to `cmpWantsRegisterMessage`, regardless of whether or not you handle the register message. This will cause the 68K Component Manager to attempt to register your component, it will fail, because there is no 68K code resource and your component will not be registered.

For the PowerPC case, you need to include a single `ComponentPlatformInfo` element that describes your PowerPC native component code for PowerPC implementations of your component to be registered. Set the component flags in the extended portion of the resource as you would normally.

Component Manager Interfaces

```
/* MPW Rez interfaces */

#define cmpWantsRegisterMessage          (1<<31)          /* bits for component flags */

#define componentDoAutoVersion          (1<<0)           /* bits for registration flags */
#define componentWantsUnregister        (1<<1)
#define componentAutoVersionIncludeFlags (1<<2)
#define componentHasMultiplePlatforms   (1<<3)

type 'thng' {
    literal longint;          /* Type */
    literal longint;          /* Subtype */
    literal longint;          /* Manufacturer */
    unsigned hex longint;     /* component flags */
    unsigned hex longint      kAnyComponentFlagsMask = 0; /* component flags Mask */
    literal longint;          /* Code Type */
    integer;                  /* Code ID */
    literal longint;          /* Name Type */
    integer;                  /* Name ID */
    literal longint;          /* Info Type */
    integer;                  /* Info ID */
    literal longint;          /* Icon Type */
    integer;                  /* Icon ID */

#if UseExtendedThingResource
    unsigned hex longint;     /* version of Component */
    longint;                  /* flags for registration */
    integer;                  /* resource id of Icon Family */

    longint = $$CountOf(ComponentPlatformInfo);

    wide array ComponentPlatformInfo {
        unsigned hex longint; /* component flags */
        literal longint;      /* Code Type */
        integer;              /* Code ID */
        integer platform68k = 1, platformPowerPC = 2; /* platform type */
    };
#endif
#endif
```

```
};

/* MPW C interfaces */

enum {
#define gestaltComponentMgr      'cpnt'      /* Component Mgr version */
#define gestaltQuickTimeFeatures  'qtrs'      /* QuickTime features */
    gestaltPPCQuickTimeLibPresent = 0,      /* PowerPC QuickTime glue library is present */

#define gestaltSysArchitecture  'sysa'      /* Native System Architecture */
    gestalt68k = 1,                        /* Motorola MC68K architecture */
    gestaltPowerPC = 2,                    /* IBM PowerPC architecture */

    /* componentRegisterFlags flags for ComponentResourceExtension */
    componentDoAutoVersion        = (1<<0),
    componentWantsUnregister      = (1<<1),
    componentAutoVersionIncludeFlags = (1<<2),
    componentHasMultiplePlatforms = (1<<3)
};

struct ComponentPlatformInfo
{
    long          componentFlags;      /* flags of Component */
    ResourceSpec  component;          /* resource where Component code is found */
    short         platformType;       /* gestaltSysArchitecture result */
};

typedef struct ComponentPlatformInfo ComponentPlatformInfo;

struct ExtComponentResource {
    ComponentDescription  cd;          /* Registration parameters */
    ResourceSpec          component;    /* resource where Component code is found */
    ResourceSpec          componentName; /* name string resource */
    ResourceSpec          componentInfo; /* info string resource */
    ResourceSpec          componentIcon; /* icon resource */

    // new data for Component Manager version 3
    long                 componentVersion; /* version of Component */
};
```

```
long      componentRegisterFlags; /* flags for registration */
short     componentIconFamily;    /* resource id of Icon Family */
long      count;                  /* elements in platformArray */
ComponentPlatformInfo platformArray[1];
};

typedef struct ExtComponentResource ExtComponentResource;
```

Further Reference

- [*Inside Macintosh: More Macintosh Toolbox \(Component Manager\)*](#)
- [*Inside Macintosh: PowerPC System Software \(Mixed Mode Manager and Code Fragment Manager\)*](#) .