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Chapter 1

Functions.hyper

1.1 Function Reference (Wed Jul 15 13:59:22 1992)

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(allocate memory)

apeek()

(peek address in structure)

base()

(give first element in list)

botpc()

(give program counter at bottom of debug log window)

cols()

(max number of columns in logical window)

curlist()

(pointer to current list string)

eval()

(evaluate argument string)

free()

(free allocated memory)

getactive()

(get active logical window)

getchar()

(get character on current position)

getcol()

(get logical column width)

```
getdebug()
  (get current debug task)

geterror()
  (get error of routine)

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  (get current logical window)

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  (get logical row height)

getsize()
  (get size of allocated memory)

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  (get current y position in logical window)

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  (say if memory is allocated with alloc())

isbreak()
  (is there a breakpoint on this address?)

key()
  (wait for key and return keycode)

lastbytes()
  (last number of bytes for memory and view)

lastfound()
  (last search address)

lastlines()
  (last number of lines for unasm)

lastmem()
  (address to continue view, memory or unasm listing)

lines()
  (get max number of lines in logical window)

peek()
  (get value from structure)

qual()
  (get qualifier from last pressed key)
```

```

realloc()
    (reallocate memory)

rfrate()
    (return refresh rate)

rfcmd()
    (return pointer to refresh command string)

stsize()
    (get size of structure)

taglist()
    (get current tag list number)

toppc()
    (give program counter at top of debug log window)

```

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1.2 Function Reference : Introduction

This reference file contains all functions. Commands are not in this file. Note that you can use these functions from ARexx. Simply use the same format as for normal commands :

```

A function call in PowerVisor : res=if(a>b,1,2)
How you must do this in ARexx : 'if a>b 1 2'
                                res=result

```

1.3 Function Reference : alloc()

```

<memory> = ALLOC( ('n',<size>) | ('c',<size>) | ('s',<string>) ←
)

```

Use this function for easy memory allocation.

Use the

```

free()
function to free this memory, use the
getsize()
function

```

to get the size of this memory and use the

```

realloc()
function to

```

reallocate the memory.

The memory allocated with this function is guaranteed to contain only 0 (except if the first argument is equal to 's').

Note that memory allocated with this command is automatically freed

when PowerVisor quits.

When the blocksize is smaller than 65533 bytes the result from this function is a pointer after a word containing the size. This pointer is thus word aligned but not longword aligned.

When the blocksize is bigger the result is a pointer after a longword containing the size. This pointer is longword aligned.

Using word or longword alignment you can determine the size of a memory block. An easier way to do this is to use the

```
    getsize()  
    function.
```

Example :

To allocate 1000 bytes :

```
< a=alloc(n,1000) <enter>
```

To allocate 11 bytes and copy the string 'PowerVisor' to this memory use :

```
< a=alloc(s,'PowerVisor') <enter>
```

To allocate 1000 bytes in chip ram use :

```
< a=alloc(c,1000) <enter>
```

Related commands: cleanup showalloc

Related functions:

```
    free()  
  
    realloc()  
  
    getsize()  
  
    isalloc()
```

1.4 Function Reference : apeek()

```
    <address> = APEEK( <structure pointer>,<struct def pointer>,  
    <field name> )
```

Returns the address of <structure>.<field name>. <struct def pointer> must be a pointer to a previously loaded structure definition. <structure pointer> is the pointer to the structure itself. <field name> must be defined in the structure definition.

'apeek' uses autodefault to the 'stru' list for the second argument.

Related commands: addstruct interpret

Related functions:

peek()

stsize()

Related lists: stru

Related tutor chapters: Looking at things

1.5 Function Reference : base()

<pointer> = BASE()

This function returns the pointer to the first element in the current list.

Example :

Go to the task list :

< task <enter>

< list <enter>

> Task node name	: Node	Pri	StackPtr	StackS	Stat	Command	Acc
> RAM	: 00C20C68	00	00C2117A	1200	Rdy		PROC -
> golem.device	: 00C05C8A	05	00C064B6	2048	Wait		TASK -
> NEWCON	: 00C2CAA8	05	00C2DAA2	4000	Wait		PROC -
> ARP Shell Process	: 00C26180	00	00C270F2	4000	Wait		(03) -
> PowerVisor1.0.task	: 00C31C28	00	00C76132	1024	Wait		TASK -
> File System	: 00C16758	0A	00C16AF6	840	Wait		PROC -
> File System	: 00C172E8	0A	00C17686	840	Wait		PROC -
> trackdisk.device	: 00C068DE	05	00C09F2E	512	Wait		TASK -
> trackdisk.device	: 00C17846	05	00C17A5E	512	Wait		TASK -
> DH0	: 00C0DF08	0A	00C0E356	1000	Wait		PROC -
> input.device	: 00C03BFA	14	00C04C00	4096	Wait		TASK -
> ARP Background She	: 00C66EB8	00	00C75CD2	4000	Run	pv	(01) -

< d base() <enter>

> 00C20C68 , 12717160

Related commands: list

1.6 Function Reference : botpc()

<programcounter> = BOTPC()

This function returns the program counter visible at the bottom of the 'Debug' logical window.
You can set this program counter using the `dstart` or `dscroll` commands.

Related commands: `debug` `dwin` `dscroll` `dstart`

Related functions:

`toppc()`

`isbreak()`

`getdebug()`

Related lists: `dbug`

Related tutor chapters: `Debugging`

1.7 Function Reference : `cols()`

```
<cols> = COLS( <logwin> )
```

This function returns the maximum number of columns available on the logical window.

'cols' uses autodefault to the 'lwin' list for the first argument.

Example :

```
< disp cols(main) <enter>
> 00000056 , 86
```

Related commands: `colrow` `fit`

Related functions:

`lines()`

`getcols()` `getrows()`

`getlwin()`

`getx()`

`gety()`

Related lists: `lwin`

Related tutor chapters: `Screens and windows`

1.8 Function Reference : `curlist()`

```
<pointer to string> = CURLIST( )
```

Return a pointer to the name of the current list.
This function returns a string if used from ARexx.

Note for experienced users only !

The pointer to the string is actually a pointer into the infoblock for the current list. `curlist()-24` points to the start of the infoblock. See [The wizard corner](#) for more information about infoblocks (in the 'info base').

Note that if you want to use this feature in ARexx you have to call this function using `void` or `assign`. If you call it directly you will get a string and not a pointer in ARexx

Related tutor chapters: [Getting Started](#) [The wizard corner](#)

1.9 Function Reference : eval()

```
<result> = EVAL( <string pointer> )
```

Evaluate the string at <string pointer> and return the result.
'eval' returns 0 if <string pointer> is 0.

Example :

```
< disp eval("1+2") <enter>
> 00000003 , 3

< scan <enter>
????< 4+4 <enter>
< disp eval(input) <enter>
> 00000008 , 8
```

Related commands: `disp` `void`

Related functions:

```
if()
Related tutor chapters: Expressions
```

1.10 Function Reference : free()

```
FREE( <pointer> )
```

Free a block previously allocated with
`alloc()`

Note that all memory allocated with 'alloc' is automatically freed when PowerVisor quits or when you use `cleanup`.

Related commands: `cleanup` `showalloc`

Related functions:

`alloc()`

`realloc()`

`getsize()`

`isalloc()`

1.11 Function Reference : `getactive()`

`<logwin> = GETACTIVE()`

This function returns a pointer to the active logical window. This is the logical window where you can scroll with the keyboard. You can change the active logical window with the `active` command or with the `<tab>` key.

Related commands: `active` `on` `current`

Related functions:

`getlwin()`

Related lists: `lwin`

Related tutor chapters: `Screens and windows`

1.12 Function Reference : `getchar()`

`<char> = GETCHAR()`

Get the character at the current screenposition in the current logical window.

Example :

```
< {locate 10,10;a=getchar()} <enter>
```

Related commands: `locate` `home` `cls` `current`

Related functions:

`getx()`

`gety()`

```
    getcols()    getrows()
cols()

lines()

getlwin()
Related lists:  lwin
```

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.13 Function Reference : getcol()

```
<columns> = GETCOL( <logical window> )
```

Get the real number of columns (or -1) for the logical window. Note that this is not always equal to the visible number of columns. If <columns> is not equal to -1 it is the total number of columns. If <columns> is equal to -1 it means that the logical window is autoscalable in horizontal direction. To get the real number of columns (after scaling) you can use the

```
cols()
function.
```

'getcol' uses autodefault to the 'lwin' list for the first argument.

Related commands: colrow fit

Related functions:

```
getrow()

cols()

lines()

getlwin()

getx()

gety()
Related lists:  lwin
```

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.14 Function Reference : getdebug()

```
<debug node> = GETDEBUG( )
```

Return the current debug node. You can set the current debug node with duse and with .

Related commands: duse with debug

Related functions:

isbreak()

toppc()

botpc()

Related lists: dbug

Related tutor chapters: Debugging

1.15 Function Reference : geterror()

```
<error> = GETERROR( <expression string> )
```

Evaluate an expression and return the error. If there was no error, 0 is returned.

Example :

```
< disp geterror("7") <enter>
> 00000000 , 0
```

0 since 7 is a valid expression.

```
< disp geterror("7+") <enter>
> 00000010 , 16
```

returns 16 since there is a missing operand.

The following errors are defined (Note ! Some of these are obsolete and will never appear) (Note ! you can change the errorstrings since this file is called PowerVisor-errors (you can find this file in the program directory where the PowerVisor executable is or in the S: directory)) :

```
-6 Stack overflow !!!
-5 A program has crashed !!!
-4 A stack overflow was getting close !
-3 Quitting PowerVisor !
-2 PowerVisor has crashed !
-1 Break...
0 No error
1 Not enough memory !
2 Syntax Error !
3 This is not a device created with OpenDev !
4 Bad list element type !
5 Variable is a constant !
6 Only <B>yte, <W>ord or <L>ong !
7 Odd address error !
8 Could not Lock!
```

```
9   Bracket '(' expected !
10  To many arguments for library function !
11  Missing operand !
12  Lock is not a subdirectory !
13  Error while opening device !
14  Unknown list element !
15  Not implemented yet !
16  Unknown mode argument !
17  Unknown AddFunc argument !
18  This is not a process !
19  Node is not a task or process !
20  This task is not freezed !
21  This task is already freezed !
22  Node type is wrong !
23  Addressed element not found !
24  Window is not sizeable !
25  This is no supported library function !
26  No help available for this subject !
27  Error while opening file !
28  Error while reading file !
29  Not a resident module !
30  Not a lock !
31  Bad History value (2..1000)
32  Error opening trackdisk device !
33  DoIO returned with a non zero value !
34  There is no task to debug !
35  Unknown argument for trace !
36  Unknown argument for debug !
37  Address is in ROM ! Can't set breakpoint !
38  Not a debug node !
39  Bad '@' argument
40  LoadSeg error !
41  Unknown argument for dmode !
42  There is no current debug task !
43  Unknown argument for break !
44  Breakpoint does not exist !
45  There are no symbol hunks !
46  Symbol not found !
47  You can only remove variables !
48  You can not assign to a function !
49  You must use brackets with functions !
50  Unknown argument for symbol !
51  There are no symbols !
52  You can only realloc blocks smaller than 64K !
53  Your brackets are really out of order !
54  The debug task is busy, please try again later !
55  The task is not tracing !
56  File does not have the right format !
57  This is not a structure definition !
58  Bad argument value !
59  No colorchange allowed when PowerVisor is on a window !
60  Could not open font !
61  Can't execute script file in script file !
62  Refresh window is not open !
63  Unknown tag type !
64  No output allowed on debug logical window !
65  Error writing file !
```

66 Not a Tag file !
67 Bad tag list value (0 .. 15) !
68 Unknown or invalid register !
69 There is a more recent patch then this one installed !
70 There is no fd file loaded for this library !
71 Unknown logical window !
72 Resulting commandline too long after converting from alias string !
73 Missing left bracket '(' in fd file !
74 Missing right bracket ')' in fd file !
75 Bad '##bias' statement in fd file !
76 You can't close the 'Main' physical window !
77 You can't close the 'Main' logical window !
78 Bad argument for 'openlw' ! Arg must be one of 'r','l','d' or 'u' !
79 Brother logical window must be on same physical window !
80 Window is not movable !
81 There is no father for this box !
82 Unknown preferences argument !
83 Please close visitor windows first !
84 Divide by zero !
85 No group operators allowed for the debug task !
86 Error opening screen !
87 You can't remove the 'rc' and 'error' variables. These are private !
88 'LoadSeg' failed !
89 Variable names must start with a letter or an underscore !
90 Error opening physical window !
91 Error opening logical window !
92 Bracket ')' expected !
93 Bracket '}' expected !
94 Bus error !
95 Address error !
96 Illegal instruction !
97 Division by zero !
98 CHK instruction !
99 TRAPV instruction !
100 Privilege Violation !
101 Trace error !
102 Unimplemented 1010 opcode !
103 Unimplemented 1111 opcode !
104 Unknown argument for track !
105 PowerVisor is allready tracking for a task !
106 PowerVisor is not tracking !
107 Unknown argument for source !
108 There are no debug hunks in this executable file !
109 There is no source loaded for this debug node !
110 This address is not in the source !
111 This command only works on the 68030 or 68040 !
112 You need a MMU for this command !
113 Not a valid executable file!

Related commands: error

Related tutor chapters: The wizard corner

1.16 Function Reference : getlwin()

```
<logwin> = GETLWIN( )
```

This function returns a pointer to the current logical window. The current logical window is not the same as the active logical window. The current logical window is the one that shows all output. The active logical window is the one where you can scroll with the keyboard.

Related commands: `current` `on` `active`

Related functions:

```
getactive()  
Related lists: lwin
```

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.17 Function Reference : getrow()

```
<rows> = GETROW( <logical window> )
```

Get the real number of rows (or -1) for the logical window. See the explanation for

```
getcol()  
to see what the -1 really means.
```

'getrow' uses autodefault to the 'lwin' list for the first argument.

Related commands: `colrow` `fit`

Related functions:

```
getcol()  
  
cols()  
  
lines()  
  
getlwin()  
  
getx()  
  
gety()  
Related lists: lwin
```

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.18 Function Reference : getsize()

```
<size> = GETSIZE( <memoryblock> )
```

This function determines the size of a memoryblock allocated with the

```
alloc()  
function or some other PowerVisor commands.
```

Related commands: cleanup showalloc

Related functions:

```
alloc()  
  
free()  
  
isalloc()  
  
realloc()
```

1.19 Function Reference : getstack()

```
<max stack> = GETSTACK( )
```

This function shows the maximum stack usage for the last task monitored with the stack command.

Related commands: stack

1.20 Function Reference : getx()

```
<current x position> = GETX( )
```

Get the current x coordinate on the current logical window (in columns).

Related commands: locate home cls current

Related functions:

```
gety()  
getcols() getrows()  
cols()  
  
lines()  
  
getlwin()  
  
getchar()
```

Related lists: lwin

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.21 Function Reference : gety()

```
<current y position> = GETY( )
```

Get the current y coordinate on the current logical window (in lines).

Related commands: locate home cls current

Related functions:

```
getx()
getcols() getrows()
cols()

lines()

getlwin()

getchar()
Related lists: lwin
```

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.22 Function Reference : if()

```
<result> = IF( <condition>,<expression 1>,<expression 2> )
```

If <condition> is true, evaluate <expression 1>, else evaluate <expression 2>.

Example :

```
< d if(1,2,3) <enter>
> 00000002 , 2
```

```
< d if(0,2,3) <enter>
> 00000003 , 3
```

```
< a=1 <enter>
< b=2 <enter>
< c=3 <enter>
< d=4 <enter>
< e=5 <enter>
< d if(a,if(b,c,d),e) <enter>
> 00000003 , 3
```

```
< void if(a==1,{help functions},{help commands}) <enter>
> ...
```

Related commands: disp void

Related functions:

```
eval()
Related tutor chapters: Expressions
```

1.23 Function Reference : isalloc()

```
<pointer to pointer> = ISALLOC( <pointer> )
```

This function checks if <pointer> points to a memoryblock allocated with the

```
alloc()
function. If it is, 'isalloc' returns a pointer to
the pointer, otherwise 0.
```

Related commands: cleanup showalloc

Related functions:

```
alloc()

free()

realloc()

getsize()
```

1.24 Function Reference : isbreak()

```
<result> = ISBREAK( <address> )
```

Test if there is a breakpoint in the current debug task on <address>. If true this function returns the breakpoint number and the breakpoint type in one longword, else it returns 0.

<result> has the following format :

```
NNNNTTTT
```

with NNNN a word containing the breakpoint number and TTTT containing the breakpoint type

The following types are supported :

```
'T' temporary breakpoint
```

```
'N' normal breakpoint
'P' profile breakpoint
'C' conditional breakpoint
'A' after breakpoint (timeout)
's' breakpoint used to skip a BSR or JSR (private breakpoint)
```

Related commands: debug break trace

Related functions:

```
getdebug()
```

```
toppc()
```

```
botpc()
```

Related lists: dbug

Related tutor chapters: Debugging

1.25 Function Reference : key()

```
<vanillakey> = KEY( )
```

Wait for a key and return the ascii value.
This is especially useful in scripts.

Related commands: scan request

Related functions:

```
qual()
```

1.26 Function Reference : lastbytes()

```
<last number of bytes> = LASTBYTES( )
```

This function returns the last number of bytes used by memory or view
(320 by default).

Related commands: memory view

Related functions:

```
lastmem()
```

```
lastlines()
```

Related tutor chapters: Looking at things

1.27 Function Reference : lastfound()

```
<last found> = LASTFOUND( )
```

This function returns the address of the second byte of the string found with `search` or `next`. This is the address where 'next' will continue with the search.

Related commands: `search` `next`

Related functions:
`lastmem()`

1.28 Function Reference : lastlines()

```
<last number of lines> = LASTLINES( )
```

This function returns the last number of lines used by `unasm` (20 by default).

Related commands: `unasm`

Related functions:
`lastmem()`
`lastbytes()`
Related tutor chapters: Looking at things

1.29 Function Reference : lastmem()

```
<memory> = LASTMEM( )
```

This function returns the address that `memory`, `view` and `unasm` will use to continue their listing.

Related commands: `memory` `view` `unasm`

Related functions:
`lastfound()`
`lastbytes()`
`lastlines()`
Related tutor chapters: Looking at things

1.30 Function Reference : lines()

```
<lines> = LINES( <logwin> )
```

This function returns the maximum number of lines available on the logical window.

'lines' uses autodefault to the 'lwin' list for the first argument.

Example :

```
< disp lines(main) <enter>
> 00000033 , 51
```

Related commands: colrow fit

Related functions:

```
cols()
getcols() getrows()
getlwin()
```

```
getx()
```

```
gety()
```

Related lists: lwin

Related tutor chapters: Screens and windows

1.31 Function Reference : peek()

```
<value> = PEEK( <structure pointer>,<struct def pointer>,<field name> )
```

Returns the value of <structure>.<field name>. <struct def pointer> must be a pointer to a previously loaded structure definition. <structure pointer> is the pointer to the structure itself. <field name> must be defined in the structure definition.

'peek' uses autodefault to the 'stru' list for the second argument.

Related commands: addstruct interpret

Related functions:

```
apeek()
```

```
stsize()
```

Related lists: stru

Related tutor chapters: Looking at things

1.32 Function Reference : qual()

```
<qualifier> = QUAL( )
```

Return the qualifier for the last pressed key (with
key()
).

Example :

```
< a=key() <enter>  
< disp qual() <enter>
```

Related commands: scan

Related functions:
key()

1.33 Function Reference : realloc()

```
<new pointer> = REALLOC( <memoryblock>,<new size> )
```

Use this function to reallocate a memoryblock allocated with the

```
alloc()  
function. Only memoryblocks smaller than 64K are supported.
```

Related commands: cleanup showalloc

Related functions:
alloc()

free()

getsize()

isalloc()

1.34 Function Reference : rfrate()

```
<refresh rate> = RFRATE( )
```

Return the current refresh rate installed with the refresh command.

Related commands: refresh rwin

Related functions:

`rfcmd()`

1.35 Function Reference : `rfcmd()`

`<pointer to refresh command> = RFCMD()`

Return a pointer to the current refresh command (or 0).
This function returns a string if used from ARExx.

Related commands: `refresh` `rwin`

Related functions:

`rfrate()`

1.36 Function Reference : `stsize()`

`<size> = STSIZE(<struct def pointer>)`

Return the size of the structure represented by `<struct def pointer>`.
`<struct def pointer>` must be a structure definition loaded
with `addstruct` .

'`stsize`' uses autodefault to the '`stru`' list for the first argument.

Related commands: `addstruct` `interpret`

Related functions:

`peek()`

`apeek()`

Related lists: `stru`

Related tutor chapters: `Looking at things`

1.37 Function Reference : `taglist()`

`<taglist> = TAGLIST()`

Return the current tag list. This is a number between 0 and 15.
You can change the current tag list with the `usetag` or `tg` commands.

Related commands: `usetag` `tg`

Related tutor chapters: Looking at things

1.38 Function Reference : toppc()

```
<programcounter> = TOPPC( )
```

This function returns the program counter visible at the top of the 'Debug' logical window.
You can set this program counter using the `dstart` or `dscroll` commands.

Related commands: `debug` `dwin` `dscroll` `dstart`

Related functions:

```
botpc()
```

```
isbreak()
```

```
getdebug()
```

Related lists: `dbug`

Related tutor chapters: Debugging
