Type / Creator Database v3.1

$10 shareware

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With a lot of help from Daniel Azuma & Nikolas Kovalenko

Home page URL   <http://www.angelfire.com/il/szekely/index.html>
And <http://www.geocities.com/il/SiliconValley/Bay/5677/index.html>

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911 new entries, giving a total of 17,863 code pairs.

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Permission to transfer to others:

Type / creator Database may be included in any BBS or CDROM, as long as it is presented in complete form, with documentation.

I request to be notified of any such inclusion.

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Background

Every Macintosh program has two four character codes associated with it -
its Type and Creator. The latter is unique to each program and enables
the Finder to attach documents to their parent applications.
This database tries to compile as many codes as possible.

The latest version is always available at my HOME PAGE and FTP site:

<http://www.angelfire.com/il/szekely/index.html>
<http://www.geocities.com/il/SiliconValley/Bay/5677/index.html>
<ftp://vms.huji.ac.il/mac_comm/>

Mirror sites:
<http://www.islandnet.com/~quill/FileTC/TCHome.html>
<http://www.ugcs.caltech.edu/~dazuma/shareware.html>

Apple has a code registration service which supplies more data if you know a code, but does not list codes. Here is an extract from Apple's FAQ:

Q Will Apple give developers a list of Creator and File types that have already been registered?

A Unfortunately, no. We don't make the information in the Creator/File Type Registration database available. You should be aware, however, that you can use the search form to search the database to see if a Creator type has been claimed.

... And here they point to my Home Page :-)

Look at their sites
http://www.info.apple.com/dev/developerservices.html
http://dev.info.apple.com/cftype/main.html
(Please watch my WWW sites, as these URLs may chage. It is not in my hands ;-)
PS - Apple DID change the URL. Please look at my home page for the latest URL.

Comment - WHY does Apple "hide" this information?
I assume that their database includes thousands of UNUSED codes -
because companies Pre-Register codes for future use.
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So here is my latest collection of codes.

Now 17,863 entries

Ilan Szekely started it all. He collects and maintains the data and program for this database.

Daniel Azuma wrote the Database interface program. So the information can be presented as a ($10 shareware) program with a nice user-interface.

P.S.   The wonders of Internet - We live on opposite sides of the globe (11 hours time difference!) but we managed to do this joint venture with the services of E-mail alone.

Nikolas Kovalenko donated his list with many thousands of entries, and keeps sending in more.

Mikael Grounes donated a list with thousands of entries.

Joe Savelberg donated a list with hundreds of entries.

Doug Head donated a list with hundreds of entries for version 2.9.

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Files included are:

Type / Creator 3.1 ReadMe (this file)
Type / Creator Database v3.1 (program)
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Discalimer:

This list of file types was compiled and edited with a lot of effort. The original list was based on the contents of MAC disks I use at home and at work. New versions are mostly additions sent in by people who downloaded the list and sent me updates. I did my best to make the list as accurate and full as possible, but can assume no responsibility for errors in the list.
The "official" list is in the hands of Apple™, and is not in the public domain.

Latest version is available at:

http://www.angelfire.com/il/szekely/index.html
http://www.geocities.com/il/SiliconValley/Bay/5677/index.html
ftp://vms.huji.ac.il/mac_comm/

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http://www.islandnet.com/~quill/FileTC/TCHome.html
http://www.ugcs.caltech.edu/~dazuma/shareware.html

Comments:

1. This (vms.huji.ac.il) is a VAX/VMS site. So please use Fetch or Netscpae, not Anarchie.
2. Directory structre may change. Look for TYPE_CREATOR_DB.HQX or the like.

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Shareware fee:

Please send $10 (or equivalent) CASH ONLY, to:

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If you are a student and can't afford it, just send me at least 10 NEW entries for the list (for commercial software, please) to:

E-mail: **ILANS@VMS.huji.ac.il**
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Sending in new codes:

New entries are always welcome.
Please try to adhere to the given format:

Name, Type , Creator , Comment

Names of data files that belong to applications should point to the "parent" application. The current version has some files with unrelated names, which I included hoping for someone to give the correct pointer. Where possible I used the Creator code to identify the parent application - and put the name in the "related info" field.

Using the DATA

5 fields are available:

1. **Name** of file or application
2. **Type** code
3. **Creator** code
4. **Related information.**
Here can be either a general typing comment (DA, cdev, application) or a name of a related file - mostly the creating application.
5. **Category** - a comment further qualifying the the entry.

For 2 and 3, Codes with "****" mean "anything goes here".
Some Creator codes are "????". Either the code was unknown to me or (in some cases) it IS the code. This happens usually with shareware and games, and sometimes with demo files for variuos compilers.

Some tools have the same codes (by nature of their function) and differnet names. Some codes are "pirated" - i.e not authorized by Apple. I can't verify that.

Errors in data
Many of the entries are for ShareWare programs. The codes these ShareWare programs use may contradict with codes "registered" at Apple™. So be careful. There sure are many errors in such a big, voluntary list.
A typical error - some codes consist of lower/upper case letters. In the long way from the sender to me the "case" might change and be wrong.

Please send corrections and comments by E-mail to the address mentioned above. (prefered method)

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Using the Program

The first line in the main window is the title line. All other include the data itself.
Most functions are in the **View menu**, some are available only by using the mouse.

Sorting by field
You can sort the table by any title. Just click on the title. Or use the **View menu** commands.
Sort is Case-Sensitive.

Selecting by any criterion
You can select any group by a criterion you define with the **Find entry** of the View menu.

Find all restores the original state.

Selecting FONT
The **Font** command in the **View menu** allows to select a font to you liking.
Best leave it at the default (monospaced) Monaco 9 .

Setting column width
Drag the column marker to change the width of any column (Excel style)

Exporting data
The current "find set" is written to a Tab Delimitted Text file with Type / Creator of TEXT/R*ch (BBedit)
You can use the text file as source for a FileMaker database. Just use the template included with the package.

IN CASE OF PROBLEMS

1. Throw out the preference file TCReader Prefs from the system Preferences folder.
2. Increase RAM allocation via the Get Info... dialog for the application.
3. On **PowerMACs** this application needs even more RAM.
4. For those of you who read the instructions -
   Look for an Easter Egg in the About screen - hint: click with modifier(s) ;-)

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Version history:

Type/Creator DataBase
V3.1 -17863 entries. 911 additions, all from Nikolas Kovalenko. (This version was created 3 weeks after v3.0)
V3.0 -16774 entries.1962 additions, from various sources. (Never uploaded to MacGifts, just to my WW site)
V2.9 -14812 entries. 2581 additions, from Doug Head, Muki Pakesch and Nikolas Kovalenko
V2.8 -12231 entries. 1052 additions, most from Nikolas Kovalenko
V2.7 -11179 entries. 2223 additions, most from Nikolas Kovalenko
V2.6 - 8956 entries. 749 additions, most from Ilan Szekely and Nikolas Kovalenko
V2.5 - 8207 entries. 536 additions, most from Joe Savelberg and Nikolas Kovalenko
V2.4 - 7671 entries. 313 additions, most from Nikolas Kovalenko.
V2.3 - 7368 entries. 522 additions, most from Nikolas Kovalenko.
V2.2 - 6846 entries. 2239 additions, most from Nikolas Kovalenko. Many corrections.
V2.1 - 4607 entries. Format change. Added remarks field. about 50% of the new entries are for games.
V2.0 - 4155 entries. Format change. Interface changed.
           Presented as a program (by Daniel Azuma). most additions from Mikael Grounes.

Type/Creator List
v1.4 - 1842 entries. Mostly new. Some format changes.
v1.3 - 1481 entries. Some new entries, some corrections.
v1.2 - 1388 entries.
v1.1 - 1280 entries. Some duplicates removed and about 120 entries added.
v1.0 - 1169 entries

Future plans:

Of course I plan to extend this list as far as possible :-)
If anyone is interested in a parallel list of PC related codes (i.e. .XLS for Excel, etc.)
Please write me E-mail.
The Database engine program may be enhanced if there is enough interest.
Write to Daniel Azuma (see E-mail address in the "about box").
Possibilities:
Enhanced preference setting. Allow setting default values.
Allow printing of a selected set.
Allow "copy" of information from the list for pasting in the "find" dialog. Drag and drop.
Allow modifying, adding, deleting and importing of new data. (hint - this makes the program a small database tool !)

Problem

This project is getting "saturated". So do I :-(
 The size of the database reaches Excel's limit of 16K lines.
I need another tool. Maybe some FileMaker Pro system. Any help will be welcome.
Also, the time and effort it takes me is starting to be too much. Any volunteers to help? Buy it?

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Contributors:

As the contribution is an alternative fee, I see no need in mentioning names.

But I must mention **Mikael Grounes** from Sweden who sent me 2 diskettes full of "FileList" listings. All of his CDROMS and disk files were listed. There were many thousands of file names and codes. This was so much work for me to organize, that it took me 8 month to complete (in my scarce spare time)... The main obstacle was that I had to comb the data for duplicates, find "meanings" of data files etc. That's why I ask for a special format when sending in codes. Most of the new entries for version 2.0 were from his data.

Nikolas Kovalenko donated his list with thousands entries, of which many were new to me, and many of the others were corrections to my data. Nik maintains a similar database with ICONs ;-) Nik still is the main source for the new codes. He actively searches every new computer he happens to run into, and maintains his own codes database. Thank you Nik!

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