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# Chapter 1

# DataType

## 1.1 DataType-related Classes Index (for AmigaTalk© 1998-2002):

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## 1.2 DataType-related Classes for AmigaTalk© 1998-2002:

Described herein are the classes & their methods for manipulating Amiga-DataType objects with AmigaTalk. Except where otherwise noted, classes associated with DataTypes have Dictionary as a parent class. Class TagList & DataType are the only classes that are not singleton classes.

```
intuition <- Intuition new.
```

```
dataTypeSystem <- DataTypeSystem new
```

Will create all of the Tag Dictionaries for your usage. There is an example in [TagList](#) documentation.

SEE ALSO, InitializeCommands script

Most of the comments associated with the various Symbol keys came from the C-Header files in the SAS-C Compiler that's been used to make the AmigaTalk system.

WARNING: These classes cannot be idiot-proofed & flexible at the same time, so know what you're doing before using them.

The class hierarchy is:

[TagList](#) (parent class is Array )

[DataType](#) (parent class is Object )

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### 1.3 DataType Class:

Class DataType is a class that serves as a parent class for all DataType-related classes that the user might generate.

`newDTObject: dtName tags: tagArray`

Create a new DataType Object with the given tags.

`disposeDTObject`

Delete a DataType Object from memory.

`addDTObject: windowObj position: glistPos`

Add a DataType Object to the given window & place it in the glistPos slot.

`removeDTObject: windowObj`

Remove a DataType Object from the given window.

`doAsyncLayout: layoutMsg`

Perform an Asynchronous layout (layoutMsg) on the receiver.

`doDTMethod: windowObj req: reqObj msg: message`

Perform the given DataType Method (message).

`getDTAttrs: tagArray`

Retrieve the DataType attributes requested & place them in the given tagArray Object , overwriting any old values found there. (SEE ALSO, Array Class description )

`getDTMethods`

Retrieve an array of methods that the DataType object supports.

`getDTString: stringID`

Return a (error?) String for the given stringID Integer .

`getDTTriggerMethods`

Retrieve an array of DTMethod Objects that the DataType object responds to.

`examineFile: filename attrs: tagArray`

Examine the data that the file points to & return a DataType record that describes the data.

`examineClip: clipHandle attrs: tagArray`

Examine the data that the clipboard handle points to & return a DataType record that describes the data.

`printDTObject: windowObj req: reqObj prtObj: prtMsg`

Tell the DataType Object to call the DTM\_PRINT Method on a separate process.

`refreshDTObject: windowObj attrs: tagArray`

Refresh a DataType Object.

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releaseDTObject

Release a DataType struct obtained via ATObtainDataTypeA().

setDTAttrs: windowObj req: reqObj tags: tagArray

Set the attributes for a DataType Object.

translateDTErrorNum

Return a string for the IoErr() code number internally generated.

copyDTMethods: theArray include: inclusions exclude: exclusions

Clone and modify DTA\_Methods array. nil returned on error.

copyDTTriggerMethods: methods include: incl exclude: excl

Clone and modify DTA\_TriggerMethods array. nil returned on error.

obtainDomain: obj window: windowObj req: reqObj rport: rastPort

which: type domain: domain tags: attrTags

Obtain the min/nom/max domains of a dt object. This is equivalent to the DoDTDomainA() function call in C. On success, the domain box Object will be filled with the gadget's domain dimensions for this particular GDOMAIN\_#? id. nil is returned if there is an error.

drawDTObject: obj rport: rastPort start: point1 end: point2

h: htop v: vtop attrs: attrTags ! x y w h !

This method is used to draw a DataTypes object into a RastPort.

This method can be used for strip printing the object or embedding it within a document. Returns true if successful.

findThisMethod: method in: methodsArrayObj

Find a specified method in methods array. Returns nil on error.

findToolNode: toolList attrs: attrTags

This method searches for a given tool in a list of tool nodes.

nil is returned if there is an error.

findTriggerMethod: dtnObj command: cmdStr method: methodNumber

This Method searches for a given trigger method in a given methods array like that obtained from getDTTriggerMethods.

If one of the command or method args matches an array item, this method returns a pointer to it. Returns nil on error.

freeDTMethods: methodsArray

Free methods array obtained by CopyDT#?Methods.

getDTTriggerMethodDataFlags: methodNumber

This method returns the kind of data which can be attached to the stt\_Data field in the dtTrigger method body.

The data type can be specified by or'ing the method id (within STMF\_METHOD\_MASK value) with one of the STMD\_#? identifiers:

STMD\_VOID - stt\_Data MUST be NULL



STMD\_ULONG - stt\_Data contains an unsigned long value

STMD\_STRPTR - stt\_Data is a string pointer

STMD\_TAGLIST - stt\_Data points to an array of struct TagItem's,  
terminated with TAG\_DONE

launchTool: toolObj project: projectString attrs: attrTags

This method launches an application with a specified project.

The application and its launch mode and other attributes are  
specified through the "Tool" structure.

#### INPUTS

tool - Pointer to a Tool structure. nil is a valid arg.

project - Name of the project to execute or nil .

attrs - Additional attributes.

#### TAGS

NP\_Priority (BYTE) - sets the priority of the launched tool

Defaults to the current process's priority for

Shell and ARexx programs; Workbench applications

default to 0 except when overridden by the TOOLPRI tooltype.

NP\_Synchronous (BOOL) - don't return until lauched application  
process finishes. Defaults to false.

Returns false for failure, true otherwise.

lockDataType: dtObj

This method is used to lock a DataType structure obtained  
by examineFile:attrs:, examineClip:attrs: or a datatype  
object (DTA\_DataType attribute).

All calls to lockDataType, examineFile:attrs: or examineClip:attrs:  
must match the same number of releaseDataType calls, otherwise  
havoc will break out.

obtainDTDrawInfo: object attrs: attrTags

This method is used to prepare a DataTypes object for  
drawing into a RastPort.

This method will send the DTM\_OBTAINDRAWINFO method  
to the object using the opSet message structure.

Returns nil on error, an Integer handle (for releaseDTDrawInfo:handle:)  
otherwise.

releaseDTDrawInfo: anObject handle: aHandle

This method is used to release the information obtained  
with obtainDTDrawInfo:attrs:

This method invokes the object's DTM\_RELEASEDRAWINFO method  
using the dtReleaseDrawInfo message structure.

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saveDTObject: obj window: windowObj req: reqObj

file: filename mode: filemode flag: saveIconBool attrs: attrTags

This method saves the contents of an object into a file.

The method opens the named file and saves the object's contexts into it (DTM\_WRITE). Then it closes the file.

If the DTM\_WRITE method returns success and saveIconBool is true, the matching icon is saved.

If DTM\_WRITE returns 0, the file will be deleted. Returns nil on failure, an Integer otherwise.

startDragSelect: onObject

This method starts drag-selection by the user (marking).

This method replaces the old flag-fiddling method to start drag-select.

The drag-select will only be started if the object supports DTM\_SELECT, is in a window or requester and no layout-process is working on the object. If all conditions are good, it sets the DTSIF\_DRAGSELECT flag and returns true for success.

onObject is from newDTObject:tags:

cleanupDataTypes

Use this method only once, when you are finished with your DataType Object. Using it more than once only slows the System down, no other harm is done. If you don't use this method, datatypes.library will remain open!

## 1.4 DataTypeSystem Class:

DataTypeSystem Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference datatype-specific singleton classes in one spot.

The following classes are created by an instance of this class:

CLASS: DESCRIPTION:

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DataTypesClassTags

DTSpecialInfoTags

DTMethodTags

DTFrameInfoTags

BasicDataTypeTags

DataTypeToolTags

DataTypeErrorTags

DTSysTags

AnimationTags

PictureTags

SoundTags

TextTags

ImageTags

IDNumbers IFF Chunk ID numbers class.

Methods of interest to the user are:

new

Create the instance of DataTypeSystem.

getDTClassTag: key

Return the DTClassTag value associated with the Symbol key given.

getDTSpecialInfoTag: key

^ dtSpecialInfoTags at: key

getDTMethodTag: key

^ dtMethodTags at: key

getDTFrameInfoTag: key

^ dtFrameInfoTags at: key

getBasicDTTag: key

^ basicDTTags at: key

getDTToolTag: key

^ dtToolTags at: key

getDTErrorTag: key

^ dtErrorTags at: key

getDTSystemTag: key

^ dtSystemTags at: key

getDTAnimationTag: key

^ dtAnimTags at: key

getDTPictureTag: key

^ dtPictureTags at: key

getDTSoundTag: key

^ dtSoundTags at: key

getDTTextTag: key

^ dtTextTags at: key

getImageTag: key

^ imageTags at: key

getIDNumber: key

Return the IFF Chunk ID value associated with the Symbol key.

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## 1.5 DataTypesClassTags Class:

DataTypesClassTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType class tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys for usage in your DataType-related classes:

#DTA\_Dummy

Generic attributes:

#DTA\_TextAttr Pointer to the default TextAttr to use for the text within the object.

#DTA\_TopVert Current top vertical unit.

#DTA\_VisibleVert Number of visible vertical units.

#DTA\_TotalVert Total number of vertical units.

#DTA\_VertUnit Number of pixels per vertical unit.

#DTA\_TopHoriz Current top horizontal unit.

#DTA\_VisibleHoriz Number of visible horizontal units.

#DTA\_TotalHoriz Total number of horizontal units.

#DTA\_HorizUnit Number of pixels per horizontal unit.

#DTA\_NodeName Name of the current element within the object.

#DTA\_Title Title of the object.

#DTA\_TriggerMethods Pointer to a NULL term'd array of trigger methods.

#DTA\_Data Object specific data.

#DTA\_TextFont Default font to use for text within the object.

#DTA\_Methods Pointer to a ~0 terminated array of supported methods.

#DTA\_PrinterStatus Printer error message.

#DTA\_PrinterProc Pointer to the print process.

#DTA\_LayoutProc Pointer to the layout process.

#DTA\_Busy Used to turn the applications' busy pointer off/on.

#DTA\_Sync Used to indicate that new information has been loaded into an object. This is for models that cache the

DTA\_TopVert-like tags

#DTA\_BaseName The base name of the class.

#DTA\_GroupID Group that the object must belong in.

#DTA\_ErrorLevel Error level.

#DTA\_ErrorNumber datatypes.library error number.

#DTA\_ErrorString Argument for datatypes.library error.

#DTA\_Conductor Specifies the name of the realtime.library conductor.

Defaults to 'Main'.

#DTA\_ControlPanel Indicate whether a control panel should be embedded

within the object (in the animation datatype, for example). Defaults to TRUE.

#DTA\_Immediate (BOOL) Indicate whether the object should immediately begin playing. Defaults to FALSE.

#DTA\_Repeat (BOOL) Indicate that the object should repeat playing. Defaults to FALSE.

#DTA\_SourceAddress Address of a DTST\_MEMORY source type object.

#DTA\_SourceSize Size of a DTST\_MEMORY source type object.

#DTA\_Reserved Reserved tag; DO NOT USE (V44).

DXObject attributes:

#DTA\_Name

#DTA\_SourceType

#DTA\_Handle

#DTA\_DataType

#DTA\_Domain

DON'T USE THE FOLLOWING EIGHT TAGS. Use the corresponding tags in

GadgetAttribute class:

#DTA\_Left

#DTA\_Top

#DTA\_Width

#DTA\_Height

#DTA\_RelRight

#DTA\_RelBottom

#DTA\_RelWidth

#DTA\_RelHeight

#DTA\_ObjName

#DTA\_ObjAuthor

#DTA\_ObjAnnotation

#DTA\_ObjCopyright

#DTA\_ObjVersion

#DTA\_ObjectID

#DTA\_UserData

#DTA\_FrameInfo

#DTA\_SelectDomain

#DTA\_TotalPVert

#DTA\_TotalPHoriz

#DTA\_NominalVert

#DTA\_NominalHoriz

Printing attributes:

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#DTA\_DestCols Destination X width.  
#DTA\_DestRows Destination Y height.  
#DTA\_Special Option flags.  
#DTA\_RastPort RastPort to use when printing. (V40).  
#DTA\_ARexxPortName Pointer to base name for ARexx port (V40).  
#DTST\_RAM  
#DTST\_FILE  
#DTST\_CLIPBOARD  
#DTST\_HOTLINK  
#DTST\_MEMORY New for V44 of the AmigaOS.

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of the class.

## 1.6 DTSpecialInfoTags Class:

DataTypesClassTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType class tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

#DTSIF\_LAYOUT Object is in layout processing.  
#DTSIF\_NEWSIZE Object needs to be lain-out.  
#DTSIF\_DRAGGING  
#DTSIF\_DRAGSELECT  
#DTSIF\_HIGHLIGHT  
#DTSIF\_PRINTING Object is being printed.  
#DTSIF\_LAYOUTPROC Object is in layout process.

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of DTSpecialInfoTags class.

## 1.7 DTMethodTags Class:

DTMethodTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType Method tags' hexadecimal values. The following Symbol keys are defined by this class:

#DTM\_Dummy  
#DTM\_FRAMEBOX Inquire what environment an object requires.  
#DTM\_PROCLAYOUT Same as GM\_LAYOUT except guaranteed to be on a process.  
#DTM\_ASYNCCLAYOUT Layout that is occurring on a process.

#DTM\_REMOVEDTOBJECT When a RemovedDTObject() is called.

#DTM\_SELECT

#DTM\_CLEARSELECTED

#DTM\_COPY

#DTM\_PRINT

#DTM\_ABORTPRINT

#DTM\_NEWMEMBER

#DTM\_DISPOSEMEMBER

#DTM\_GOTO

#DTM\_TRIGGER

#DTM\_OBTAINDRAWINFO

#DTM\_DRAW

#DTM\_RELEASEDRAWINFO

#DTM\_WRITE

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of DTMethodTags class.

## 1.8 DTFrameInfoTags Class:

DTFrameInfoTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType FrameInfo tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

#FIF\_SCALABLE

#FIF\_SCROLLABLE

#FIF\_REMAPPABLE

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of DTFrameInfoTags class.

## 1.9 BasicDataTypeTags Class:

BasicDataTypeTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference Basic DataType tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

#DTF\_TYPE\_MASK

#DTF\_BINARY

#DTF\_ASCII

#DTF\_IFF

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#DTF\_MISC

#DTF\_CASE Set if case is important.

#DTF\_SYSTEM1 Reserved for system use.

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of BasicDataTypeTags class.

## 1.10 DataTypeToolTags Class:

DataTypeToolTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType Tool tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

For tn\_Which:

#TW\_INFO

#TW\_BROWSE

#TW\_EDIT

#TW\_PRINT

#TW\_MAIL

For tn\_Flags:

#TF\_LAUNCH\_MASK

#TF\_SHELL

#TF\_WORKBENCH

#TF\_RX

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of DataTypeToolTags class.

## 1.11 DataTypeErrorTags Class:

DataTypeErrorTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType Error tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

Text ID's:

#DTERROR\_UNKNOWN\_DATATYPE

#DTERROR\_COULDNT\_SAVE

#DTERROR\_COULDNT\_OPEN

#DTERROR\_COULDNT\_SEND\_MESSAGE

#DTERROR\_COULDNT\_OPEN\_CLIPBOARD

#DTERROR\_Reserved

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```
#DTERROR_UNKNOWN_COMPRESSION
#DTERROR_NOT_ENOUGH_DATA
#DTERROR_INVALID_DATA
#DTERROR_NOT_AVAILABLE
#DTMSG_TYPE_OFFSET Offset for types.
```

The only method of interest to the user is:

```
new
```

Create an instance of DataTypeErrorTags class.

## 1.12 DTSystemTags Class:

DTSystemTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType System tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

```
#STM_PAUSE
#STM_PLAY
#STM_CONTENTS
#STM_INDEX
#STM_RETRACE
#STM_BROWSE_PREV
#STM_BROWSE_NEXT
#STM_NEXT_FIELD
#STM_PREV_FIELD
#STM_ACTIVATE_FIELD
#STM_COMMAND
#STM_REWIND
#STM_FASTFORWARD
#STM_STOP
#STM_RESUME
#STM_LOCATE
```

The only method of interest to the user is:

```
new
```

Create an instance of DTSystemTags class.

## 1.13 AnimationTags Class:

AnimationTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference DataType Animation-class tags' hexadecimal values.

This class defines the following Symbol keys:

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Animation attributes:

#ADTA\_Dummy

#ADTA\_ModelID

#ADTA\_KeyFrame Key frame (first frame) bitmap.

#ADTA\_ColorRegisters

#ADTA\_CRegs

#ADTA\_GRegs

#ADTA\_ColorTable

#ADTA\_ColorTable2

#ADTA\_Allocated

#ADTA\_NumColors

#ADTA\_NumAlloc

#ADTA\_Remap Remap animation (defaults to TRUE).

#ADTA\_Screen Screen to remap to.

#ADTA\_Width

#ADTA\_Height

#ADTA\_Depth

#ADTA\_Frames Number of frames in the animation.

#ADTA\_Frame Current frame.

#ADTA\_FramesPerSecond Frames per second.

#ADTA\_FrameIncrement Amount to change frame by when fast forwarding or rewinding. Defaults to 10.

#ADTA\_PreloadFrameCount Number of frames to preload; defaults to 10.

Sound attributes:

#ADTA\_Sample

#ADTA\_SampleLength

#ADTA\_Period

#ADTA\_Volume

#ADTA\_Cycles

#ADTA\_LeftSample

#ADTA\_RightSample

#ADTA\_SamplesPerSec

#ADTM\_Dummy

#ADTM\_LOADFRAME Used to load a frame of the animation.

#ADTM\_UNLOADFRAME Used to unload a frame of the animation.

#ADTM\_START Used to start the animation.

#ADTM\_PAUSE Used to pause the animation (don't reset the timer).

#ADTM\_STOP Used to stop the animation.

#ADTM\_LOCATE Used to locate a frame in the anim' (as set by a slider).

#ADTM\_LOADNEWFORMATFRAME Used to load a new format frame of the animation (V44).

#ADTM\_UNLOADNEWFORMATFRAME Used to unload a new format frame of the animation (V44).

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of AnimationTags class.

## 1.14 PictureTags Class:

PictureTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference Picture DataType tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

Picture attributes:

#PDTA\_ModeID Mode ID of the picture.

#PDTA\_BitMapHeader Bitmap header information.

#PDTA\_BitMap Pointer to a class-allocated bitmap, that will end up being freed by picture.class when DisposeDTObject() is called.

#PDTA\_ColorRegisters Picture colour table.

#PDTA\_CRegs Color table to use with SetRGB32CM().

#PDTA\_GRegs Color table; this table is initialized during the layout process and will contain the colours the picture will use after remapping. If no remapping takes place, these colors will match those in the PDTA\_CRegs table.

#PDTA\_ColorTable Shared pen table; this table is initialized during the layout process while the picture is being remapped.

#PDTA\_ColorTable2 Shared pen table; in most places this table will be identical to the PDTA\_ColorTable table. Some of the colors in this table might match the original color palette a little better than the colors picked for the other table. The picture.datatype uses the two tables during remapping, alternating for each pixel.

#PDTA\_Allocated OBSOLETE; DO NOT USE.

#PDTA\_NumColors Number of colors used by the picture.

#PDTA\_NumAlloc Number of colors allocated by the picture.

#PDTA\_Remap Remap the picture (BOOL); defaults to TRUE.

#PDTA\_Screen Screen to remap to.

#PDTA\_FreeSourceBitMap Free the source bitmap after remapping.

#PDTA\_Grab Pointer to a Point structure.

#PDTA\_DestBitMap Pointer to the destination (remapped) bitmap.

#PDTA\_ClassBitMap Pointer to class-allocated bitmap, that will end up being freed by the class after DisposeDObject() is called.

#PDTA\_NumSparse Number of colors used for sparse remapping.

#PDTA\_SparseTable Pointer to a table of pen numbers indicating which colors should be used when remapping the image.

This array must contain as many entries as there are colors specified with PDTA\_NumSparse.

#PDTA\_WhichPicture Index number of the picture to load. (V44).

#PDTA\_GetNumPictures Get the number of pictures stored in the file. (V44).

#PDTA\_MaxDitherPens Maximum number of colors to use for dithering. (V44).

#PDTA\_DitherQuality Quality of the dithering algorithm to be used during color quantization. (V44)

#PDTA\_AllocatedPens Pointer to the allocated pen table. (V44).

#PDTANUMPICTURES\_Unknown When querying the # of pictures stored in a file, the following value denotes the # of pictures is unknown.

#PDTA\_SourceMode Set the sub datatype interface mode.

#PDTA\_DestMode Set the app datatype interface mode.

#PDTA\_UseFriendBitMap Allocates the resulting bitmap as a friend bitmap.

#PDTA\_MaskPlane NULL or mask plane for use with BltMaskBitMapRastPort().

Interface modes:

#PMODE\_V42 Compatibility mode.

#PMODE\_V43 Extended mode.

#PDTM\_Dummy

#PDTM\_WRITEPIXELARRAY Transfer pixel data to the picture object in the specified format.

#PDTM\_READPIXELARRAY Transfer pixel data from the picture object in the specified format.

Pixel formats:

#PBPAFMT\_RGB 3 bytes/pixel (rgb).

#PBPAFMT\_RGBA 4 bytes/pixel (rgb, alpha).

#PBPAFMT\_ARGB 4 bytes/pixel (alpha, rgb).

#PBPAFMT\_LUT8 1 byte/pixel (using a separate color map).

#PBPAFMT\_GREY8 1 byte/pixel (0 is black, 255 is white).

Masking techniques:

#mskNone

#mskHasMask

#mskHasTransparentColor

#mskLasso

#mskHasAlpha

Compression techniques:

#cmpNone

#cmpByteRun1

#cmpByteRun2 NOTE: unused (V44)

#DTM\_WRITEPIXELARRAY

#DTM\_READPIXELARRAY

#DTM\_CREATEPIXMAPDIR

#DTM\_FIRSTPIXMAPDIR

#DTM\_NEXTPIXMAPDIR

#DTM\_PREVPIXMAPDIR

#DTM\_BESTPIXMAPDIR

#PDTA\_SourceMode

#PDTA\_DestMode

#PDTA\_PixelFormat

#PDTA\_TransRemapPen

#PDTA\_NumPixMapDir

#PDTA\_UseFriendBitMap

#PDTA\_AlphaChannel

#PDTA\_MultiRemap

#PDTA\_MaskPlane

PDTA\_SourceMode, PDTA\_DestMode:

#MODE\_V42

#MODE\_V43

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of PictureTags class.

## 1.15 SoundTags Class:

SoundTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference Sound DataType tags' hexadecimal values. This class defines the following Symbol keys:

Sound attributes:

#SDTA\_Dummy

#SDTA\_VoiceHeader

#SDTA\_Sample Sample data.

#SDTA\_SampleLength Length of the sample data in UBYTES.

#SDTA\_Period Period.

#SDTA\_Volume Volume. Range from 0 to 64.

#SDTA\_Cycles

#SDTA\_SignalTask Task to signal when sound is complete or next buffer is needed.

#SDTA\_SignalBit Signal mask to use on completion or 0 to disable

NOTE: Due to a bug in sound.datatype V40 SDTA\_SignalBit

was actually implemented as a signal mask as

opposed to a bit number. The documentation now

reflects this. If you intend to use a signal bit number

instead of the mask, use the new V44 tag

SDTA\_SignalBitNumber below.

#SDTA\_SignalBitMask

#SDTA\_Continuous Playing a continuous stream of data. Defaults to FALSE.

#SDTA\_SignalBitNumber Signal bit to use on completion or -1 to disable.

#SDTA\_SamplesPerSec Samples per second.

#SDTA\_ReplayPeriod Sample replay period.

Sample data:

#SDTA\_LeftSample

#SDTA\_RightSample

#SDTA\_Pan Stereo panning.

#SDTA\_FreeSampleData FreeVec all sample data upon OM\_DISPOSE.

#SDTA\_SyncSampleChange Wait for the current sample to be played back before switching to the new sample data.

Data compression methods:

#CMP\_NONE

#CMP\_FIBDELTA

#Unity Unity = Fixed 1.0 = maximum volume.

Channel allocation:

#SAMPLETYPE\_Left

#SAMPLETYPE\_Right

#SAMPLETYPE\_Stereo

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of SoundTags class.

## 1.16 TextTags Class:

TextTags Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference Text DataType tags' hexadecimal values.

This class defines the following Symbol keys:

Text attributes:

#TDTA\_Buffer

#TDTA\_BufferLen

#TDTA\_LineList

#TDTA\_WordSelect

#TDTA\_WordDelim

#TDTA\_WordWrap

#LNF\_LF Line Feed.

#LNF\_LINK Segment is a link.

#LNF\_OBJECT In\_Data is a pointer to an DataTypes object.

#LNF\_SELECTED Object is selected.

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of TextTags class.

## 1.17 TagList Class:

TagList Class is mainly used for Amiga function calls that utilize Tags. AmigaTalk converts TagLists internally into what the AmigaOS expects for real Amiga tags. TagList parent class is Array .

Since TagList is an Array to AmigaTalk, you should realize that you have to set Tags & Values in pairs. Example:

```
intuiTags <- Intuition new
```

```
myTags <- TagList new: 24
```

```
myTags setTag: (intuiTags getWindowTag: #WA_Left) index: 0
```

```
myTags setTagValue: (intuiTags getWindowTag: #WA_Left) value: 16
```

```
myTags setTag: (intuiTags getWindowTag: #WA_Top) index: 2
```

```
myTags setTagValue: (intuiTags getWindowTag: #WA_Top) value: 0
```

```
...
```

```
myTags setTag: (intuiTags specialTag: #TAG_DONE) index: 24
```

Until myTags is filled. Do NOT forget to terminate your TagList with (intuiTags specialTag: #TAG\_DONE)

Methods to use for the TagList class:

```
new: newSize
```

Create a new instance of the TagList Class with newSize elements.

getTagValue: theTag

Return the value associated with theTag.

setTagValue: theTag value: newTagValue

Set a given tag (theTag) to newTagValue.

addTagPair: newTag value: newTagValue

Add an entry pair to the TagList. NOTE: This is an expensive, memory fragmenter. You should create the size TagList you need or make a larger one if you're not sure how large to make it.

deleteTagPair: theTag

Remove theTag and it's associated value from the TagList.

setTag: newTag index: idx

Set a tag at the array index idx to newTag.

## 1.18 IFF ID Numbers class:

IDNumbers Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference IDNumbers which denote IFF Chunk headers.

This class defines the following Symbol keys:

Used by multiple types:

#ID\_BODY "BODY"

Animation IDs:

#ID\_ANIM "ANIM"

#ID\_ANHD "ANHD"

#ID\_DLTA "DLTA"

DataType IDs:

#ID\_DTYP "DTYP"

#ID\_DTHD "DTHD"

#GID\_SYSTEM "syst" System file, such as; directory, executable, library, device, font, etc.

#GID\_TEXT "text" Formatted or unformatted text.

#GID\_DOCUMENT "docu" Formatted text with graphics or other DataTypes.

#GID\_SOUND "soun" Sound.

#GID\_INSTRUMENT "inst" Musical instruments used for musical scores.

#GID\_MUSIC "musi" Musical score.

#GID\_PICTURE "pict" Still picture.

#GID\_ANIMATION "anim" Animated picture.

#GID\_MOVIE "movi" Animation with audio track.

A code chunk contains an embedded executable that



can be loaded with InternalLoadSeg:

#ID\_CODE "DTCD"

#ID\_TOOL "DTTL"

#ID\_TAGS "DTTG"

#ID\_NAME "NAME"

For Picture DataTypes -- IFF types that may be in pictures:

#ID\_ILBM "ILBM"

#ID\_BMHD "BMHD"

#ID\_CMAP "CMAP"

#ID\_CRNG "CRNG"

#ID\_GRAB "GRAB"

#ID\_SPRT "SPRT"

#ID\_DEST "DEST"

#ID\_CAMG "CAMG"

For Text datatypes -- IFF types that may be text:

#ID\_FTXT "FTXT"

#ID\_CHRS "CHRS"

For Sound DataTypes:

#ID\_8SVX "8SVX"

#ID\_VHDR "VHDR"

#ID\_CHAN "CHAN"

The only method of interest to the user is:

new

Create an instance of IDNumbers class.

## 1.19 Intuition Class:

Intuition Class is a Singleton class that allows the user to reference intuition-specific singleton classes in one spot.

NOTE:

This Class is very large (consumes close to 20MB), so if memory usage is an issue for you, then DO NOT instantiate one! Just instantiate the Tags or Flags classes that you actually need.

You will also have to edit the AmigaTalk:C/InitializeCommands startup script also, since the Intuition Class is instantiated by default (as intuition).

The following classes are instantiated from this class:

GadgetAttributes

GadgetFlags

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GadgetTypes

GadToolsAttributes

GadgetActivation

GadgetMethodIDs

IDCMPFlags

ScreenTags

WindowTags

WindowFlags

SpecialTags

ICClass BOOPSI-related.

MethodIDs BOOPSI-related.

BoopsiNames BOOPSI-related.

ImageTags

MenuFlags

ReqFlags

IconTags

IconTypeTags

WorkbenchTags

WorkbenchFlags

AppMsgTags

This means that you only have to add the following statement to your AmigaTalk code to create all of the Intuition-related

Tag Dictionaries:

```
myIntuition <- Intuition new.
```

Methods of interest to the user are:

new

Create an instance of Intuition class.

getBoopsiClassName: key

Retrieve the boopsi Class string associated with the key.

getRequesterFlag: key

Retrieve the Requester Flag associated with the key.

getWorkbenchTag: key

Retrieve the Workbench Tag associated with the key.

getWorkbenchFlag: key

Retrieve the Workbench Flag associated with the key.

getAppMsgTag: key

Retrieve the AppMsg Tag associated with the key.

getMenuFlag: key

Retrieve the Menu Flag associated with the key.

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getIconTag: key

Retrieve the Icon Tag associated with the key.

getIconTypeTag: key

Retrieve the Icon Type Tag associated with the key.

specialTag: key

Return the SpecialTag value associated with the Symbol key.

icClass: key

Return the ICClass (BOOPSI) value associated with the Symbol key.

methodIDs: key

Return the MethodIDs (BOOPSI) value associated with the Symbol key.

getGadgetAttr: key

Return the GadgetAttributes value associated with the Symbol key.

getGadToolAttr: key

Return the GadToolsAttributes value associated with the Symbol key.

getGadgetFlag: key

Return the GadgetFlags value associated with the Symbol key.

getGadgetType: key

Return the GadgetTypes value associated with the Symbol key.

getGadgetMethodID: key

Return the GadgetMethodIDs value associated with the Symbol key.

getGadgetActivation: key

Return the GadgetActivation value associated with the Symbol key.

getScreenTag: key

Return the ScreenTags value associated with the Symbol key.

getWindowTag: key

Return the WindowTags value associated with the Symbol key.

getIDCMPFlag: key

Return the IDCMPFlags value associated with the Symbol key.

getWindowFlag: key

Return the WindowFlags value associated with the Symbol key.

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