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Macintosh: Determining Video Card Status via Software (2 of 2)

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TOPIC -----

What follows is an MPW Assembly listing that demonstrates, for a given GDevice, how to determine the minimum and maximum depths that the device supports:

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PRINT      OFF
INCLUDE    "Traps.a"
INCLUDE    "ToolEqu.a"
INCLUDE    "QuickEqu.a"
INCLUDE    "SysEqu.a"
INCLUDE    "PackMacs.a"
INCLUDE    "SlotEqu.a"
INCLUDE    "ROMEQu.a"
INCLUDE    "VideoEqu.a"
PRINT      ON
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DISCUSSION -----

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GetScreenMinMax  PROC      EXPORT
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; PROCEDURE GetScreenMinMax(whichScreen : gdHandle;
;                               VAR minDepth, minMode,
;                               maxDepth, maxMode : Integer);
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; This nasty little procedure figures out, for a given GDevice, what the
; minimum and maximum depths that the device supports.  It does this by
; using the Slot Manager to traverse the sResources that are in ROM on
; the video interface card.
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```
StackFrame  RECORD      {A6Link},DECR
ParamSize    EQU        *-8
whichScreen  DS.L        1
pMinDepth    DS.L        1
pMinMode     DS.L        1
pMaxDepth    DS.L        1
pMaxMode     DS.L        1
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Return      DS.L      1
A6Link      DS.L      1
spBlk       DS        SpBlock.spBlockSize
slotModesPtr DS.L      1
nextMode    DS.W      1
LocalSize   EQU       *
            ENDR

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WITH      StackFrame, SpBlock, vpBlock
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LINK      A6, #LocalSize
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MOVE.L     pMinDepth(A6), A0      ;Get ptr to minDepth VAR
MOVE.W     #$7FFF, (A0)           ;Init to MAXINT
MOVE.L     pMaxDepth(A6), A0     ;Get ptr to maxDepth VAR
CLR.W     (A0)                   ;Init to zero

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; We need to convert the GDevice's refNum to its unit number. Then, we
; can look in the unit table for a handle to a NewDCE block. This
; will tell us in which slot the card for this display is.

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MOVE.L     whichScreen(A6), A0    ;Get the gDevice handle
MOVE.L     (A0), A0              ;Get a ptr to the gDevice
MOVE.W     gdRefNum(A0), D0      ;Get the device's refNum
NOT.W     D0                    ;Get the unit number
ASL.W     #2, D0                ;Times 4 (SizeOf UTableEntry)
MOVE.L     UTableBase, A0       ;Get a pointer to the Unit Table
MOVE.L     0(A0, D0.W), A0      ;Get the handle to the NewDCE
MOVE.L     (A0), A0             ;Get ptr to the NewDCE

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; We only want to deal with sResources on the card that are for Apple-
; style video devices. (We only care about the data format; it really
; doesn't matter who made the hardware.) Set up information about the
; type of sResource that we want.

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MOVE.B     dCtlSlot(A0), spBlk+spSlot(A6) ;Put slot of device into parmBlock
CLR.B     spBlk+spID(A6)              ;Start with first sResource
MOVE.W     #catDisplay, spBlk+spCategory(A6) ;Only want Display sResources
MOVE.W     #typVideo, spBlk+spCType(A6)   ;Only want Video sResources
MOVE.W     #drSwApple, spBlk+spDrvrSW(A6) ;Only want Apple-format sResources
MOVE.B     #1, spBlk+spTBMask(A6)        ;Don't care whose hardware

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; Now go and get the first resource that matches our specs.
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LEA       spBlk(A6), A0          ;Pointer to block in A0
_sNextTypesRsrc                 ;Get sResource that matches
TST.W     D0                    ;Was one found?
BNE       BadExit               ;Nope. Oh well.

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; We now have a pointer to the sResource List (in spBlk.spsPointer). This
; sResource List has all of the modes that the card will currently support.

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MOVE.L     spBlk+spsPointer(A6), slotModesPtr(A6) ;Save the result
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MOVE.B    #128, nextMode(A6)           ;Start with first video mode

REPEAT
; For Apple-style video data, the first video mode is 128, and they proceed
; sequentially from there, with no gaps.

MOVE.B    nextMode(A6), spBlk+spID(A6) ;Want entry for nextMode
MOVE.L    slotModesPtr(A6), spBlk+spsPointer(A6) ;Restore ptr to modes sRsrc
LEA      spBlk(A6), A0                 ;Ptr to our parameters
_sFindStruct
TST.W    D0                            ;Was it there?
BNE      NoMoreModes                   ;Nope. We're done.

; spBlk.spsPointer now contains a pointer to the mode information
; structure we just got.

MOVE.B    #mVidParams, spBlk+spID(A6) ;We want the video parms data
LEA      spBlk(A6), A0                 ;Pointer to param block
_sGetBlock ;Get the video parms data
TST.W    D0                            ;It should always be noErr!
BNE.S    BadExit                       ;It's not. Bail out!

; spBlk.spResult contains a pointer to the video parms data block. Now
; we check to see if we have a video mode that QuickDraw can deal with.

MOVE.L    spBlk+spResult(A6), A0       ;Get pointer to video parms
MOVE.W    vpCmpCount(A0), D0           ;How many components/pixel?
CMP.W     #1, D0                       ;Can only handle 1
BNE.S    @1                            ;Don't count this mode
MOVE.W    vpPixelSize(A0), D0          ;How many bits/pixel?
CMP.W     vpCmpSize(A0), D0            ;Does it match component size?
BNE.S    @1                            ;Nope. QD can't handle it.

; D0 now contains a valid pixel depth, and nextMode(A6) contains the
; mode that has this pixel depth. Update the minDepth, maxDepth, and so
; on variables if needed.

MOVE.L    pMinDepth(A6), A0            ;Ptr to user's minDepth
CMP.W     (A0), D0                     ;Is this mode less than minDepth?
BGE.S    @2                            ;Nope. Don't update.

; The pixel size in D0 is less than the pixel size that we have stored in
; minDepth so update minDepth and store this mode into minMode.

MOVE.W    D0, (A0)                    ;Update minDepth
MOVE.L    pMinMode(A6), A0             ;Get pointer to user's minMode
CLR.W     D1                           ;Start with an empty word
MOVE.B    nextMode(A6), D1            ;Get this mode
MOVE.W    D1, (A0)                    ;And save it to user's minMode

@2
MOVE.L    pMaxDepth(A6), A0           ;Ptr to user's maxDepth
CMP.W     (A0), D0                     ;Is this mode > maxDepth?

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BLE.S      @1                ;Nope. Don't update.

; The pixel size in D0 is greater than the pixel size that we have
; stored in maxDepth, so update maxDepth and store this mode into
; maxMode.

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MOVE.W     D0, (A0)          ;Update maxDepth
MOVE.L     pMaxMode(A6), A0  ;Get pointer to user's maxMode
CLR.W     D1                ;Start with an empty word
MOVE.B     nextMode(A6), D1  ;Get this mode
MOVE.W     D1, (A0)         ;And save it to user's maxMode

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@1

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; Either QuickDraw couldn't handle this video mode, or we're done
; updating the minDepth and maxDepth variables. Now we have to dispose
; of the video parms block we just got.

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MOVE.L     spBlk+spResult(A6), spBlk+spsPointer(A6) ;The pointer to vidParms
LEA       spBlk(A6), A0      ;Pointer to our param block
_sDisposePtr                ;Release this block

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ADDI.B     #1, nextMode(A6)   ;Try the next mode
BRA.S     REPEAT

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BadExit

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; Something went wrong. Set all of the user's variables to zero and
; return.

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MOVE.L     pMinDepth(A6), A0   ;Ptr to user's minDepth
CLR.W     (A0)                ;Set to zero
MOVE.L     pMinMode(A6), A0    ;Ptr to user's minMode
CLR.W     (A0)                ;Set to zero
MOVE.L     pMaxDepth(A6), A0   ;Ptr to user's maxDepth
CLR.W     (A0)                ;Set to zero
MOVE.L     pMaxMode(A6), A0    ;Ptr to user's maxMode
CLR.W     (A0)                ;Set to zero

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BRA.S     NoMoreModes        ;Standard clean-up

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NoMoreModes

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; When we get here, _sFindStruct couldn't find the mode that we were
; for, so there must not be any more. We've looked through all of the
; modes so we're done.

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UNLK     A6                  ;Release locals
MOVE.L     (SP)+, A0         ;Get return address
ADDA.L     #ParamSize, SP   ;Pop input params off stack
JMP      (A0)               ;And return to caller
DC.B     "GETSCREE"         ;Name of routine for debuggers

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END

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