

NAME

srec_wilson – wilson file format

DESCRIPTION

This is a mystery format, added to support a mystery EPROM loader used by Alan Wilson <dvd-sales@dvdlibrary.co.uk>

If you know the true name of this format, please let me know! It bears a remarkable similarity to the Motorola S-Record format, however I can find no reference to a "compressed" Motorola format.

The Lines

Each line contains normal ASCII characters, and “high bit on” characters, but the ASCII control characters are avoided (the high-bit-on con characters are not avoided). Normal line termination characters (CRLF or LF, depending on your system) are used.

The presence of high-bit-on characters makes this format unattractive to send via email, as it must be wrapped as a binary attachment, increasing its size.

In general, a single byte per byte is used to encode values, however some values use two bytes, according to the following table:

Byte Value	Encoding (1 or 2 chars)
0x00 .. 0x9F	0x40 .. 0xDF
0xA0 .. 0xAF	0x3A 0x30 .. 0x3A 0x3F
0xB0 .. 0xBF	0x3B 0x30 .. 0x3B 0x3F
0xC0 .. 0xCF	0x3C 0x30 .. 0x3C 0x3F
0xD0 .. 0xDF	0x3D 0x30 .. 0x3D 0x3F
0xE0 .. 0xFF	0xE0 .. 0xFF

The rest of this description, when referring to “bytes” means byte values encoded using the above table.

The Fields

Each line consists of 5 fields. These are the type field, length field, address field, data field, and the checksum.

Type	Record Length	Address	Data	Checksum
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Type The type field is a 1 character field that specifies whether the record is data (0x43), or termination (0x47).

Record Length

The record length field is a 1 byte field that specifies the number of bytes in the record, excluding the type and record length fields.

Address This is a 4-byte address that specifies where the data is to be loaded into memory.

Data The data field contains the executable code, memory-loadable data or descriptive information to be transferred.

Checksum

The checksum is an 1-byte field that represents the least significant byte of the one’s complement of the sum of the values represented by the bytes making up the length, address, and data fields.

Record Types

0x43 (#) A record containing data and the 4-byte address at which the data is to reside.

0x47 (') A termination record. The address field may contain the 4-byte address of the instruction to which control is passed. There is no data field.

Size Multiplier

In general, binary data will expand in sized by approximately 1.5 times when represented with this format.

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