

**NAME**

srec\_tektronix\_extended – Tektronix Extended hexadecimal file format

**DESCRIPTION**

This format allows binary files to be uploaded and downloaded between two computer systems, typically between a computer system (such as a PC, Macintosh, or workstation) and an emulator or evaluation board for microcontrollers and microprocessors.

**The Lines**

Lines always start with a percent (%) character. Each line consists of 5 fields. These are the length field, the type field, the checksum, the address field (including address length), and the data field.

**The Fields**

%	Length	Type	Checksum	Address	Data
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**Record Length**

The record length field is a 2 character (1 byte) field that specifies the number of characters (not bytes) in the record, excluding the percent, the length field, the type field and the checksum.

**Type** The type field is a 1 character field that specifies whether the record is data (6) or termination (8).

**Checksum**

The checksum is an 2 character (1 byte) field that represents the sum of all the nibbles on the line, excluding the checksum.

**Address** This is a 9 character field. The first character is the address size; it is always 8. The remaining 8 characters are the 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.

**Record Types**

6 A record containing data. The data is placed at the address specified.

8 A termination record. The address field may optionally contain the 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 2.5 times when represented with this format.

**EXAMPLE**

Here is an example Tektronix extended file. It contains the data “Hello, World” to be loaded at address 0x006B.

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%256D980000006B48656C6C6F2C20576F726C64210A
%09819800000000
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