

Note: This API call is for DOS and Win16 personality only. Use Family API for portability.

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Int 21H, AH=44H, AL=00H

Version

2 and higher

Brief

GET DEVICE INFORMATION

Family API

Input

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AX = 4400h
BX = handle
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Return

CF clear if successful

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    DX = device information word (see #01423)
    AX destroyed
CF set on error
    AX = error code (01h,05h,06h) (see #01680 at AH=59h/BX=0000h)
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Macro

Notes

value in DH corresponds to high byte of device driver's attribute word if handle refers to a character

device

Novell NetWare reportedly does not return a drive number in bits 5-0 for a disk file

this function was not supported by Digital Research's DOS Plus

Bitfields for device information word:

Bit(s)	Description
character device	
14	device driver can process IOCTL requests (see AX=4402h“DOS 2+”)
13	output until busy supported
11	driver supports OPEN/CLOSE calls
8	??? (set by MS-DOS 6.2x KEYB)
7	set (indicates device)
6	EOF on input
5	raw (binary) mode
4	device is special (uses INT 29)
3	clock device
2	NUL device
1	standard output
0	standard input
disk file	
15	file is remote (DOS 3.0+)
14	don't set file date/time on closing (DOS 3.0+)
11	media not removable
8	(DOS 4 only) generate INT 24 if no disk space on write or read past end of file
7	clear (indicates file)
6	file has not been written
5-0	drive number (0 = A:)

See also

AX=4401h,INT 2F/AX=122Bh, INT 29

Note

Text based on Ralf Brown Interrupt List Release 61

DOS API	
Process manager	INT 20H, **INT 21H**: 00H, 25H, 26H, 31H, 34H, 35H, 4BH, 4CH, 4DH, 50H, 51H, 52H, 55H, 62H, INT 22H, INT 27H, INT 28H
File manager	INT 25H, INT 26H, **INT 21H**: 0DH, 0EH, 0FH, 10H, 11H, 12H, 13H, 14H, 15H, 16H, 17H, 19H, 1AH, 1BH, 1CH, 21H, 22H, 23H, 24H, 27H, 28H, 29H, 2EH, 2FH, 32H, 3305H, 36H, 39H, 3AH, 3BH, 3CH, 3DH, 3EH, 3FH, 40H, 41H, 42H, 4300H, 4301H, 45H, 45H, 46H, 4EH, 4FH, 54H, 56H, 5700H, 5701H, 5AH, 5BH, 5c00H, 5c01H, 60H, 67H, 68H, 6900H, 6901H, 6AH, 6CH

DOS API	
Character Device I/O	INT 29H, **INT 21H**: 01H, 02H, 03H, 04H, 05H, 06H, 07H, 08H, 09H, 0AH, 0BH, 0AH, 0CH, 5D07H, 5D08H, 5D09H, 5D0AH
Signals	INT 23H, INT 24H, **INT 21H**: 3300H, 3301H, 3302H
Memory manager	**INT 21H**: 48H, 49H, 4AH, 5800H, 5801H, 5802H, 5803H
Date and Time	**INT 21H**: 2AH, 2BH, 2CH, 2DH
Misc	**INT 21H**: 30H, 3306H, 3700H, 3701H, 3702H, 3703H, 59H
NLS	**INT 21H**: 3303H, 3304H, 3800H, 3801H, 6300H, 6301H, 6301H, 6500H, 6501H, 6502H, 6503H, 6504H, 6505H, 6506H, 6507H, 6520H, 6521H, 6522H, 6523H, 65A0H, 65A1H, 65A2H, 6601H, 6602H
Devices	**INT 21H**: 4400H, 4401H, 4402H, 4403H, 4404H, 4405H, 4406H, 4407H, 4408H, 4409H, 440AH, 440BH, 440CH, 440DH, 440EH, 440FH, 4410H, 4411H, 53H
Network	**INT 21H**: 5E00H, 5E01H, 5E02H, 5E03H, 5E04H, 5E05H, 5F00H, 5F01H, 5F02H, 5F03H, 5F04H, 5F05H, 5F07H, 5F08H
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Keyboard I/O	@KbdStatus @CharIn @CharPeek
Printer I/O	@PrnPrint @PrnInit @PrnStatus
Disk I/O	@DskReset @DskStatus @DskRead @DskWrite @DskVerify @DskFormat
Date and Time	@SetTime @GetTime
Mouse	@MouInit @MouShowPointer @MouStatus @MouSetPos @MouSetMickey @MouRegion
Memory manager	@ModBlok SET_BLOCK

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Family API		
DOS	Process Manager	DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm
	File Manager	DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo DosShutdown
	Memory Manager	DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias
	NLS	DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage
	Date and Time	DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime
	Devices	DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2
	Signals	DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler
	Misc	BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass DosSetVec
KBD		KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek
VIO		VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp
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