



**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=03H

## Version

2 and higher

## Brief

WRITE TO CHARACTER DEVICE CONTROL CHANNEL

## Family API

## Input

```
AX = 4403h
BX = file handle referencing character device
CX = number of bytes to write
DS:DX -> data to write
```

## Return

CF clear if successful

```
AX = number of bytes actually written
CF set on error
AX = error code (01h,05h,06h,0Dh) (see #01680 at AH=59h/BX=0000h)
```

## Macro

## Notes

format of data is driver-specific (also see separate entries below for some specific cases)

if the file handle refers to “4DOSSTAK”, the 4DOS (v2.x-3.03) KEYSTACK.SYS driver will push the specified characters on the keyboard stack; similarly for “NDOSSTAK”, the NDOS KEYSTACK.SYS driver will push the characters onto the keyboard stack

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

## See also

AX=[4400h](#),AX=[4402h](#),AX=[4405h](#),INT 2F/AX=122Bh, INT 2F/AX=D44Dh,INT 2F/AX=D44Fh

## Note

Text based on [Ralf Brown Interrupt List Release 61](#)

| DOS API              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Process manager      | INT 20H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 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, <b>INT 21H</b> : 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 |
| Character Device I/O | INT 29H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 01H, 02H, 03H, 04H, 05H, 06H, 07H, 08H, 09H, 0AH, 0BH, 0AH, 0CH, 5D07H, 5D08H, 5D09H, 5D0AH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Signals              | INT 23H, INT 24H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 3300H, 3301H, 3302H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Memory manager       | <b>INT 21H</b> : 48H, 49H, 4AH, 5800H, 5801H, 5802H, 5803H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Date and Time        | <b>INT 21H</b> : 2AH, 2BH, 2CH, 2DH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Misc                 | <b>INT 21H</b> : 30H, 3306H, 3700H, 3701H, 3702H, 3703H, 59H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| NLS                  | <b>INT 21H</b> : 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              | <b>INT 21H</b> : 4400H, 4401H, 4402H, 4403H, 4404H, 4405H, 4406H, 4407H, 4408H, 4409H, 440AH, 440BH, 440CH, 440DH, 440EH, 440FH, 4410H, 4411H, 53H                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Network              | <b>INT 21H</b> : 5E00H, 5E01H, 5E02H, 5E03H, 5E04H, 5E05H, 5F00H, 5F01H, 5F02H, 5F03H, 5F04H, 5F05H, 5F07H, 5F08H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Video I/O            | @SetMode @SetCurSz @SetCurPos @GetCur @SetPage @ScrollUp @ScrollDn @Scroll @GetChAtr @PutChAtr @PutCh @SetPalet @SetColor @SetDot @GetDot @WrtTTY @VideoState @GetMode @GetDisplay @GetVideoState @GetEGAInfo @Cls                                                                                                                                         |
| Hardware info        | @Equipment @MemSize                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Serial I/O     | @AuxInit @AuxSendChar @AuxRecieveChar @AuxStatus                           |
| Tape I/O       | @TapeOn @TapeOff @TapeRead @TapeWrite                                      |
| 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<br>@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<br>DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead<br>DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose<br>DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks<br>DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo<br>DosShutdown |
|           | Memory Manager  | DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg<br>DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|           | NLS             | DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate<br>DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|           | Date and Time   | DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|           | Devices         | DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|           | Signals         | DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|           | Misc            | BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass<br>DosSetVec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| KBD       |                 | KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| VIO       |                 | VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf<br>VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt<br>VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf<br>VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell<br>VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp                                           |
| Tools     |                 | BIND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Modules   |                 | DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALLS.DLL KBDCALLS.DLL MSG.DLL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Libraries |                 | API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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