



Note: This API call is for DOS and Win16 personality only. Use [Family API](#) for portability.

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Int 21H, AH=27H

Version

1 and higher

Brief

RANDOM BLOCK READ FROM FCB FILE

Family API

Input

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AH = 27h
CX = number of records to read
DS:DX -> opened FCB (see #01345)
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Return

AL = status

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00h successful, all records read
01h end of file, no data read
02h segment wrap in DTA, no data read
03h end of file, partial read
Disk Transfer Area filled with records read from file
CX = number of records read (return AL = 00h or 03h)
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Notes

read begins at current file position as specified in FCB; the file position is updated after reading

not supported by MS Windows 3.0 DOSX.EXE DOS extender

See also

[AH=21h](#),[AH=28h](#),[AH=3Fh](#)

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
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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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
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 @MouRegion

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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
	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	
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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