



This is part of **Family API** which allow to create dual-os version of program runs under OS/2 and DOS

**Note:** This is legacy API call. It is recommended to use 32-bit equivalent

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## DosDupHandle

This call returns a new file handle for an open file, which refers to the same position in the file as the old file handle.

### Syntax

```
DosDupHandle (OldFileHandle, NewFileHandle)
```

### Parameters

- OldFileHandle ([HFILE](#)) - input : Current file handle.
- NewFileHandle ([PHFILE](#)) - input/output : Address of a Word. On input, values and their meanings are:
  - FFFFH - Allocate a new file handle and return it here.
  - <>FFFFH - Assign this value as the new file handle. A valid value is any of the handles assigned to standard I/O, or the handle of a file currently opened by the process.
- On output, a value of FFFFH returns a value for NewFileHandle, allocated by OS/2.

### Return Code

rc ([USHORT](#)) - return

Return code descriptions are:

- 0 NO\_ERROR
- 4 ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OPEN\_FILES
- 6 ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE
- 114 ERROR\_INVALID\_TARGET\_HANDLE

### Remarks

Duplicating the handle duplicates and ties all handle-specific information between OldFileHandle and

NewFileHandle. For example, if you move the read/write pointer of either handle by a [DosRead](#), [DosWrite](#), or [DosChgFilePtr](#) function call, the pointer for the other handle is also changed.

The valid values for NewFileHandle include the following handles for standard I/O, which are always available to the process:

- 0000H Standard input
- 0001H Standard output
- 0002H Standard error.

If a file handle value of a currently open file is specified in NewFileHandle, the file handle is closed before it is redefined as the duplicate of OldFileHandle. Avoid using arbitrary values for NewFileHandle.

Issuing a [DosClose](#) against a file handle does not affect the duplicate handle.

## Example Code

### C Binding

```
#define INCL_DOSFILEMGR

USHORT rc = DosDupHandle(OldFileHandle, NewFileHandle);

HFILE OldFileHandle; /* Existing file handle */
PHFILE NewFileHandle; /* New file handle (returned) */

USHORT rc; /* return code */
```

This example opens a file, creates a second file handle, then closes the file with the second handle.

```
#define INCL_DOSFILEMGR

#define OPEN_FILE 0x01
#define CREATE_FILE 0x10
#define FILE_ARCHIVE 0x20
#define FILE_EXISTS OPEN_FILE
#define FILE_NOEXISTS CREATE_FILE
#define DASD_FLAG 0
#define INHERIT 0x80
#define WRITE_THRU 0
#define FAIL_FLAG 0
#define SHARE_FLAG 0x10
#define ACCESS_FLAG 0x02

#define FILE_NAME "test.dat"
#define FILE_SIZE 800L
#define FILE_ATTRIBUTE FILE_ARCHIVE
#define RESERVED 0L
```

```

HFILE    FileHandle;
HFILE    NewHandle
USHORT   Wrote;
USHORT   Action;
PSZ      FileData[100];
USHORT   rc;

Action = 2;
strcpy(FileData, "Data...");                                /* File path name */
if(!DosOpen(FILE_NAME,                                     /* File handle */
            &FileHandle,                                     /* Action taken */
            FILE_SIZE,                                     /* File primary allocation */
            FILE_ATTRIBUTE,                                /* File attribute */
            FILE_EXISTS | FILE_NOEXISTS,                  /* Open function
                                                       type */
            DASD_FLAG | INHERIT |                         /* Open mode of the file */
            WRITE_THRU | FAIL_FLAG |                      /* Reserved (must be zero) */
            SHARE_FLAG | ACCESS_FLAG,
            RESERVED))                                    /* Existing file handle */
rc = DosDupHandle(FileHandle,                            /* New file handle */
                  &NewHandle);

```

## MASM Binding

```

EXTRN DosDupHandle:FAR
INCL_DOSFILEMGR EQU 1

PUSH WORD OldFileHandle ;Existing file handle
PUSH@ WORD NewFileHandle ;New file handle (returned)
CALL DosDupHandle

```

Returns WORD

## Note

Text based on [http://www.edm2.com/index.php/DosDupHandle\\_\(FAPI\)](http://www.edm2.com/index.php/DosDupHandle_(FAPI))

<b>Family API</b>		
DOS	Process Manager	DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm
	File Manager	DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSet FileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQ FileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSet FileInfo DosSet Verify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSet FHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSet FInfo
	Memory Manager	DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAlloc Huge DosAlloc Seg DosRealloc Huge DosRealloc Seg DosGet Huge Shift DosCreate CS Alias
	NLS	DosCaseMap DosGet Ctry Info DosGet DBCSEv DosSet Ctry Code DosGet Collate DosGet Message DosIns Message DosPut Message
	Date and Time	DosSet DateTime DosGet DateTime
	Devices	DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2
	Signals	DosHoldSignal DosSet Sig Handler
	Misc	BadDynLink DosGet Env DosGet Machine Mode DosGet Version DosError DosErr Class DosSet Vec
KBD		KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGet Status KbdSet Status KbdStringIn KbdPeek
VIO		VioGet Buf VioGet Config VioGet Cur Pos VioGet Cur Type VioGet Phys Buf VioRead Cell Str VioRead Char Str VioScroll Up VioScroll Dn VioScroll If VioScroll Rt VioScr Un Lock VioSet Cur Pos VioSet Cur Type VioSet Mode VioGet Mode VioShow Buf VioWrt Cell Str VioWrt Char Str VioWrt Char Str Att VioWrt N Attr VioWrt N Cell VioWrt N Char VioWrt TTY VioScr Lock VioPop Up
Tools		BIND
Modules		DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALS.DLL KBDCALLS.DLL MSG.DLL
Libraries		API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB

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