



This is part of **Win16 API** which allow to create versions of program from one source code to run under OS/2 and Win16. Under OS/2 program can be running under Win-OS/2 if program is Windows NE executable, and with help on Windows Libraries for OS/2, if it is OS/2 NE executable. [Here](#) is a WLO to OS/2 API mapping draft

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OpenDriver

Brief

Opens an installable driver.

Syntax

```
HDRVR WINAPI OpenDriver(LPCSTR szDriverName, LPCSTR szSectionName, LPARAM IParam);
```

Parameters

- **szDriverName**

Far pointer to driver name.

- **szSectionName**

Far pointer to section name in SYSTEM.INI.

- **IParam**

Additional parameter.

Return Code

Returns handle to the driver, or NULL if failed.

Notes

Installable drivers provide extended functionality beyond standard Windows API.

C Binding

```
HDRV hDriver = OpenDriver("MYDRV", "MyDriverSection", 0);
```

MASM Binding

```
push lParam
push seg szSectionName ; szSectionName segment
push offset szSectionName ; szSectionName offset
push seg szDriverName ; szDriverName segment
push offset szDriverName ; szDriverName offset
call OpenDriver
```

See also

[CLOSEDRIVER](#), [SENDDRIVERMESSAGE](#)

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