


"Charm can fool you."

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Ralf Brown's Interrupt List

Ralf Brown is a well-known authority for maintaining both documented and undocumented BIOS interrupts, DOS interrupts, memory map and other system-oriented information. Because of him only, the world came to know so many officially undocumented interrupts and system specific information. His work is appreciated throughout the world by thousands of DOS Programmers. The entire Ralf Brown's Interrupt List is available on CD . The complete list runs up to thousands of pages! Because of space constraint, I provide only a part of Ralf Brown's Interrupt List. Ralf Brown's sources are used with his special permission. Many thanks to Dr. Ralf Brown!

71.1 Notations

To save spaces, RBIL (Ralf Brown's Interrupt List) uses few notations. So we have to understand those notations before using RBIL.

If it is marked "internal" or undocumented, you should check it carefully to make sure it works the same way in your version of the software. Information marked with "???" is known to be incomplete or guesswork.

FLAGS

The use of -> instead of = signifies that the indicated register or register pair contains a pointer to the specified item, rather than the item itself. Register pairs (such as AX:BX) indicate that the item is split across the registers, with the high-order half in the first register.

CATEGORIES

The ninth column of the divider line preceding an entry usually contains a classification code (the entry has not been classified if that character is a dash). The codes currently in use are:

- A - applications, a - access software (screen readers, etc),
- B - BIOS, b - vendor-specific BIOS extensions,
- C - CPU-generated, c - caches/spoolers,
- D - DOS kernel, d - disk I/O enhancements,
- E - DOS extenders, e - electronic mail, F - FAX,
- f - file manipulation, G - debuggers/debugging tools, g - games,
- H - hardware, h - vendor-specific hardware,
- I - IBM workstation/terminal emulators, i - system info/monitoring,
- J - Japanese, j - joke programs,
- K - keyboard enhancers, k - file/disk compression,
- l - shells/command interpreters,
- M - mouse/pointing device, m - memory management,
- N - network, n - non-traditional input devices,

O - other operating systems,
 P - printer enhancements, p - power management,
 Q - DESQview/TopView and Quarterdeck programs,
 R - remote control/file access, r - runtime support,
 S - serial I/O, s - sound/speech,
 T - DOS-based task switchers/multitaskers, t - TSR libraries
 U - resident utilities, u - emulators,
 V - video, v - virus/antivirus,
 W - MS Windows,
 X - expansion bus BIOSes, x - non-volatile config storage
 y - security, * - reserved (and not otherwise classified)

71.2 Interrupt List

71.2.1 Overview

Following is the overall picture about all interrupts.

TITLES

INT 00 - CPU-generated - DIVIDE ERROR
 INT 01 - CPU-generated - SINGLE STEP; (80386+) - DEBUGGING EXCEPTIONS
 INT 02 - external hardware - NON-MASKABLE INTERRUPT
 INT 03 - CPU-generated - BREAKPOINT
 INT 04 - CPU-generated - INTO DETECTED OVERFLOW
 INT 05 - PRINT SCREEN; CPU-generated (80186+) - BOUND RANGE EXCEEDED
 INT 06 - CPU-generated (80286+) - INVALID OPCODE
 INT 07 - CPU-generated (80286+) - PROCESSOR EXTENSION NOT AVAILABLE
 INT 08 - IRQ0 - SYSTEM TIMER; CPU-generated (80286+)
 INT 09 - IRQ1 - KEYBOARD DATA READY; CPU-generated (80286,80386)
 INT 0A - IRQ2 - LPT2/EGA,VGA/IRQ9; CPU-generated (80286+)
 INT 0B - IRQ3 - SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS (COM2); CPU-generated (80286+)
 INT 0C - IRQ4 - SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS (COM1); CPU-generated (80286+)
 INT 0D - IRQ5 - FIXED DISK/LPT2/reserved; CPU-generated (80286+)
 INT 0E - IRQ6 - DISKETTE CONTROLLER; CPU-generated (80386+)
 INT 0F - IRQ7 - PARALLEL PRINTER
 INT 10 - VIDEO; CPU-generated (80286+)
 INT 11 - BIOS - GET EQUIPMENT LIST; CPU-generated (80486+)
 INT 12 - BIOS - GET MEMORY SIZE
 INT 13 - DISK
 INT 14 - SERIAL
 INT 15 - CASSETTE
 INT 16 - KEYBOARD
 INT 17 - PRINTER
 INT 18 - DISKLESS BOOT HOOK (START CASSETTE BASIC)
 INT 19 - SYSTEM - BOOTSTRAP LOADER
 INT 1A - TIME
 INT 1B - KEYBOARD - CONTROL-BREAK HANDLER
 INT 1C - TIME - SYSTEM TIMER TICK
 INT 1D - SYSTEM DATA - VIDEO PARAMETER TABLES

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INT 1E - SYSTEM DATA - DISKETTE PARAMETERS
INT 1F - SYSTEM DATA - 8x8 GRAPHICS FONT
INT 20 - DOS 1+ - TERMINATE PROGRAM
INT 21 - DOS 1+ - Function Calls
INT 22 - DOS 1+ - PROGRAM TERMINATION ADDRESS
INT 23 - DOS 1+ - CONTROL-C/CONTROL-BREAK HANDLER
INT 24 - DOS 1+ - CRITICAL ERROR HANDLER
INT 25 - DOS 1+ - ABSOLUTE DISK READ
INT 26 - DOS 1+ - ABSOLUTE DISK WRITE
INT 27 - DOS 1+ - TERMINATE AND STAY RESIDENT
INT 28 - DOS 2+ - DOS IDLE INTERRUPT
INT 29 - DOS 2+ - FAST CONSOLE OUTPUT
INT 2A - NETBIOS
INT 2B - DOS 2+ - RESERVED
INT 2C - DOS 2+ - RESERVED
INT 2D - DOS 2+ - RESERVED
INT 2E - DOS 2+ - PASS COMMAND TO COMMAND INTERPRETER FOR EXECUTION
INT 2F - Multiplex
INT 30 - (NOT A VECTOR!) - DOS 1+ - FAR JMP instruction
INT 31 - overwritten by CP/M jump instruction in INT 30
INT 32 - (no special use)
INT 33 - MS MOUSE
INT 34 - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE D8h
INT 35 - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE D9h
INT 36 - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE DAh
INT 37 - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE DBh
INT 38 - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE DCh
INT 39 - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE DDh
INT 3A - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE DEh
INT 3B - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - OPCODE DFh
INT 3C - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - SEGMENT OVERRIDE
INT 3D - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - STANDALONE FWAIT
INT 3E - FLOATING POINT EMULATION - Borland "SHORTCUT" CALL
INT 3F - Overlay manager interrupt (Microsoft/Borland)
INT 40 - DISKETTE - RELOCATED ROM BIOS DISKETTE HANDLER
INT 41 - SYSTEM DATA - HARD DISK 0 PARAMETER TABLE; CPU - MS Windows
INT 42 - VIDEO - RELOCATED DEFAULT INT 10 VIDEO SERVICES (EGA,VGA)
INT 43 - VIDEO DATA - CHARACTER TABLE (EGA,MCGA,VGA)
INT 44 - VIDEO DATA - CHARACTER FONT (PCjr); Novell NetWare
INT 45 - Z100/Acorn
INT 46 - SYSTEM DATA - HARD DISK 1 DRIVE PARAMETER TABLE
INT 47 - Z100/Acorn/Western Digital/SQL Base
INT 48 - KEYBOARD (PCjr) - Z100/Watstar/Acorn/Western Digital/Compaq
INT 49 - SYSTEM DATA (PCjr) - Z100/TI/Watstar/Acorn/MAGic
INT 4A - SYSTEM - USER ALARM HANDLER
INT 4B - IBM SCSI interface; Virtual DMA Specification (VDS)
INT 4C - Z100/Acorn/TI
INT 4D - Z100

INT 4E - TI/Z100
INT 4F - Common Access Method SCSI
INT 50 - IRQ0 relocated by software
INT 51 - IRQ1 relocated by software
INT 52 - IRQ2 relocated by software
INT 53 - IRQ3 relocated by software
INT 54 - IRQ4 relocated by software
INT 55 - IRQ5 relocated by software
INT 56 - IRQ6 relocated by software
INT 57 - IRQ7 relocated by software
INT 58 - IRQ8/0 relocated by software
INT 59 - IRQ9/1 relocated by software; GSS Computer Graphics Interface
INT 5A - IRQ10/2 relocated by software
INT 5B - IRQ11/3 relocated by software; Network
INT 5C - IRQ12/4 relocated by software; Network Interface
INT 5D - IRQ13/5 relocated by software
INT 5E - IRQ14/6 relocated by software
INT 5F - IRQ15/7 relocated by software; HP 95LX GRAPHICS PRIMITIVES
INT 60 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 61 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 62 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 63 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 64 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 65 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 66 - reserved for user interrupt; multiple purposes
INT 67 - reserved for user interrupt; LIM EMS; multiple purposes
INT 68 - multiple purposes
INT 69 - multiple purposes
INT 6A - multiple purposes
INT 6B - multiple purposes
INT 6C - CONVERTIBLE; DOS 3.2; DECnet DOS network scheduler
INT 6D - VGA - internal
INT 6E - DECnet DOS - DECnet NETWORK PROCESS API
INT 6F - Novell NetWare; 10NET; MS Windows 3.0
INT 70 - IRQ8 - CMOS REAL-TIME CLOCK
INT 71 - IRQ9 - REDIRECTED TO INT 0A BY BIOS
INT 72 - IRQ10 - RESERVED
INT 73 - IRQ11 - RESERVED
INT 74 - IRQ12 - POINTING DEVICE (PS)
INT 75 - IRQ13 - MATH COPROCESSOR EXCEPTION (AT and up)
INT 76 - IRQ14 - HARD DISK CONTROLLER (AT and later)
INT 77 - IRQ15 - RESERVED (AT,PS); POWER CONSERVATION (Compaq)
INT 78 - DOS extenders; multiple purposes
INT 79 - multiple purposes
INT 7A - Novell NetWare; IBM 3270; multiple purposes
INT 7B - multiple purposes
INT 7C - multiple purposes
INT 7D - multiple purposes


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INT 7E - RESERVED FOR DIP, Ltd. ROM LIBRARY; multiple purposes
INT 7F - multiple purposes
INT 80 - reserved for BASIC; multiple purposes
INT 81 - reserved for BASIC
INT 82 - reserved for BASIC
INT 83 - reserved for BASIC
INT 84 - reserved for BASIC
INT 85 - reserved for BASIC
INT 86 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter; multiple purposes
INT 87 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 88 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter; multiple purposes
INT 89 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 8A - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 8B - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 8C - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 8D - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 8E - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 8F - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 90 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 91 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 92 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter; multiple purposes
INT 93 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 94 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter; multiple purposes
INT 95 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 96 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 97 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 98 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 99 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 9A - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 9B - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 9C - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 9D - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 9E - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT 9F - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A0 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A1 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A2 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A3 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A4 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A5 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A6 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A7 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A8 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT A9 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT AA - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT AB - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT AC - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT AD - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter

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INT DE - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT DF - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E0 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter; multiple purposes
INT E1 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E2 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E3 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E4 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E5 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E6 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E7 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E8 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT E9 - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT EA - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT EB - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT EC - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT ED - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT EE - IBM ROM BASIC - used while in interpreter
INT EF - BASIC - ORIGINAL INT 09 VECTOR
INT F0 - BASICA.COM, GWBASIC, compiled BASIC - ORIGINAL INT 08 VECTOR
INT F1 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F2 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F3 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F4 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F5 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F6 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F7 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F8 - reserved for user interrupt
INT F9 - reserved for user interrupt
INT FA - reserved for user interrupt
INT FB - reserved for user interrupt
INT FC - reserved for user interrupt
INT FD - reserved for user interrupt
INT FE - AT/XT286/PS50+ - destroyed by return from protected mode
INT FF - AT/XT286/PS50+ - destroyed by return from protected mode

71.2.2 Listing

Because of space constraint, here I provide only a few interrupts that I use much. The reader is however suggested to check out the CD  for complete information. As everyone should be aware of the RBIL format, I present here without formatting it!

INT 00 C - CPU-generated - DIVIDE ERROR

Desc: generated if the divisor of a DIV or IDIV instruction is zero or the quotient overflows the result register; DX and AX will be unchanged.

Notes: on an 8086/8088, the return address points to the following instruction
on an 80286+, the return address points to the divide instruction
an 8086/8088 will generate this interrupt if the result of a division

is 80h (byte) or 8000h (word)

SeeAlso: INT 04,OPCODE "AAD"

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INT 00 - Zenith - ROM DEBUGGER

Desc: invokes the ROM Debugger when at the BIOS level; equivalent to pressing Ctrl-Alt-Ins on booting.

Note: since DOS revector INT 00, it is necessary to restore this vector to its original ROM BIOS value in order to invoke the debugger once DOS loads

SeeAlso: INT 03"Columbia"

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INT 01 C - CPU-generated - SINGLE STEP

Desc: generated after each instruction if TF (trap flag) is set; TF is cleared on invoking the single-step interrupt handler

Notes: interrupts are prioritized such that external interrupts are invoked after the INT 01 pushes CS: IP/FLAGS and clears TF, but before the first instruction of the handler executes
used by debuggers for single-instruction execution tracing, such as MS-DOS DEBUG's T command

SeeAlso: INT 03"CPU"

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INT 01 C - CPU-generated (80386+) - DEBUGGING EXCEPTIONS

Desc: generated by the CPU on various occurrences which may be of interest to a debugger program

Note: events which may trigger the interrupt:
Instruction address breakpoint fault - will return to execute inst
Data address breakpoint trap - will return to following instruction
General detect fault, debug registers in use
Task-switch breakpoint trap
undocumented 386/486 opcode F1h - will return to following instruc

SeeAlso: INT 03"CPU"

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INT 02 C - external hardware - NON-MASKABLE INTERRUPT

Desc: generated by the CPU when the input to the NMI pin is asserted

Notes: return address points to start of interrupted instruction on 80286+ on the 80286+, further NMIs are disabled until the next IRET instruction, but one additional NMI is remembered by the hardware and will be serviced after the IRET instruction reenables NMIs
maskable interrupts may interrupt the NMI handler if interrupts are enabled

although the Intel documentation states that this interrupt is typically used for power-failure procedures, it has many other uses on IBM-compatible machines:

Memory parity error: all except Jr, CONV, and some machines without memory parity

Breakout switch on hardware debuggers

Coprocessor interrupt: all except Jr and CONV

Keyboard interrupt: Jr, CONV

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I/O channel check: CONV, PS50+
Disk-controller power-on request: CONV
System suspend: CONV
Real-time clock: CONV
System watch-dog timer, time-out interrupt: PS50+
DMA timer time-out interrupt: PS50+
Low battery: HP 95LX
Module pulled: HP 95LX

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INT 08 C - CPU-generated (80286+) - DOUBLE EXCEPTION DETECTED

Desc: called when multiple exceptions occur on one instruction, or an exception occurs in an exception handler

Notes: called in protected mode if an interrupt above the defined limit of the interrupt vector table occurs
return address points at beginning of instruction with errors or the beginning of the instruction which was about to execute when the external interrupt caused the exception
if an exception occurs in the double fault handler, the CPU goes into SHUTDOWN mode (which circuitry in the PC/AT converts to a reset); this "triple fault" is a faster way of returning to real mode on many 80286 machines than the standard keyboard controller reset

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INT 09 C - IRQ1 - KEYBOARD DATA READY

Desc: this interrupt is generated when data is received from the keyboard. This is normally a scan code (from either a keypress *or* a key release), but may also be an ACK or NAK of a command on AT-class keyboards.

Notes: this IRQ may be masked by setting bit 1 on I/O port 21h
if the BIOS supports an enhanced (101/102-key) keyboard, it calls INT 15/AH=4Fh after reading the scan code (see #00006) from the keyboard and before further processing; all further processing uses the scan code returned from INT 15/AH=4Fh
the default interrupt handler is at F000h:E987h in 100%-compatible BIOSes
the interrupt handler performs the following actions for certain special keystrokes:

- Ctrl-Break clear keyboard buffer, place word 0000h in buffer, invoke INT 1B, and set flag at 0040h:0071h
- SysReq invoke INT 15/AH=85h (SysReq is often labeled SysRq)
- Ctrl-Numlock place system in a tight wait loop until next INT 09
- Ctrl-Alt-Del jump to BIOS startup code (either F000h:FFF0h or the destination of the jump at that address)
- Shift-PrtSc invoke INT 05
- Ctrl-Alt-Plus (HP Vectra) enable keyclick
- Ctrl-Alt-Plus (many clones) set clock speed to high
- Ctrl-Alt-Minus (HP Vectra) reduce keyclick volume
- Ctrl-Alt-Minus (many clones) set clock speed to low
- Ctrl-Alt-SysReq (HP Vectra) generate hard reset

- Ctrl-Alt-S (many clones) run BIOS setup program
- Ctrl-Alt-Esc (many clones) run BIOS setup program
- Ctrl-Alt-Ins (many clones) run BIOS setup program
- Ctrl-Alt-LeftShift-GrayMinus (some clones) turn off system cache
- Ctrl-Alt-LeftShift-GrayPlus (some clones) turn on system cache
- DR DOS hooks this interrupt to control the cursor shape (underscore/
half block) for overwrite/insert mode
- DR Multiuser DOS hooks this interrupt for cursor shape control and to
control whether Ctrl-Alt-Del reboots the current session or the
entire system

SeeAlso: INT 05"PRINT SCREEN",INT 0B"HP 95LX",INT 15/AH=4Fh,INT 15/AH=85h
 SeeAlso: INT 16/AH=00h,INT 16/AH=10h,INT 1B,INT 2F/AX=A901h,INT 4A/AH=00h"TI"
 SeeAlso: INT 51"DESQview",INT 59"DoubleDOS",INT 79"GO32"

(Table 00006)

Values for keyboard make/break (scan) code:

01h	Esc	31h	N		
02h	1 !	32h	M		
03h	2 @	33h	, <	63h	F16
04h	3 #	34h	. >	64h	F17
05h	4 \$	35h	/ ?	65h	F18
06h	5 %	36h	Right Shift	66h	F19
07h	6 ^	37h	Grey*	67h	F20
08h	7 &	38h	Alt	68h	F21 (Fn) [*]
09h	8 *	39h	SpaceBar	69h	F22
0Ah	9 (3Ah	CapsLock	6Ah	F23
0Bh	0)	3Bh	F1	6Bh	F24
0Ch	- _	3Ch	F2	6Ch	--
0Dh	= +	3Dh	F3	6Dh	EraseEOF
0Eh	Backspace	3Eh	F4		
0Fh	Tab	3Fh	F5	6Fh	Copy/Play
10h	Q	40h	F6		
11h	W	41h	F7		
12h	E	42h	F8	72h	CrSel
13h	R	43h	F9	73h	<delta> [*]
14h	T	44h	F10	74h	ExSel
15h	Y	45h	NumLock	75h	--
16h	U	46h	ScrollLock	76h	Clear
17h	I	47h	Home	77h	[Note2] Joyst But1
18h	O	48h	UpArrow	78h	[Note2] Joyst But2
19h	P	49h	PgUp	79h	[Note2] Joyst Right
1Ah	[{	4Ah	Grey-	7Ah	[Note2] Joyst Left
1Bh] }	4Bh	LeftArrow	7Bh	[Note2] Joyst Up
1Ch	Enter	4Ch	Keypad 5	7Ch	[Note2] Joyst Down
1Dh	Ctrl	4Dh	RightArrow	7Dh	[Note2] right mouse
1Eh	A	4Eh	Grey+	7Eh	[Note2] left mouse
1Fh	S	4Fh	End		
20h	D	50h	DownArrow		

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21h	F	51h	PgDn		
22h	G	52h	Ins		
23h	H	53h	Del		
24h	J	54h	SysReq	---	non-key codes---
25h	K	55h	[Note1] F11	00h	kbd buffer full
26h	L	56h	left \ (102-key)		
27h	; :	57h	F11	AAh	self-test complete
28h	' "	58h	F12	E0h	prefix code
29h	~ ~	59h	[Note1] F15	E1h	prefix code
2Ah	Left Shift	5Ah	PA1	EEh	ECHO
2Bh	\	5Bh	F13 (LWin)	F0h	prefix code (key break)
2Ch	Z	5Ch	F14 (RWin)	FAh	ACK
2Dh	X	5Dh	F15 (Menu)	FCh	diag failure (MF-kbd)
2Eh	C			FDh	diag failure (AT-kbd)
2Fh	V			FEh	RESEND
30h	B			FFh	kbd error/buffer full

Notes: scan codes 56h-E1h are only available on the extended (101/102-key) keyboard and Host Connected (122-key) keyboard; scan codes 5Bh-5Dh are only available on the 122-key keyboard and the Microsoft Natural Keyboard; scan codes 5Eh-76h are only available on the 122-key keyboard

in the default configuration, break codes are the make scan codes with the high bit set; make codes 60h,61h,70h, etc. are not available because the corresponding break codes conflict with prefix codes (code 2Ah is available because the self-test result code AAh is only sent on keyboard initialization). An alternate keyboard configuration can be enabled on AT and later systems with enhanced keyboards, in which break codes are the same as make codes, but prefixed with an F0h scan code

prefix code E0h indicates that the following make/break code is for a "gray" duplicate to a key which existed on the original PC keyboard; prefix code E1h indicates that the following make code has no corresponding break code (currently only the Pause key generates no break code)

the Microsoft Natural Keyboard sends make codes 5Bh, 5Ch, and 5Dh (all with an E0h prefix) for the Left Windows, Right Windows, and Menu keys on the bottom row

the European "Cherry G81-3000 SAx/04" keyboard contains contacts for four additional keys, which can be made available by a user modification; the three new keys located directly below the cursor pad's Delete, End, and PgDn keys send make codes 66h-68h (F19-F21); the fourth new key, named <delta>, sends make code 73h

the SysReq key is often labeled SysRq

the "Accord" ergonomic keyboard with optional touchpad (no other identification visible on keyboard or in owner's booklet) has an additional key above the Grey- key marked with a left-pointing triangle and labeled "Fn" in the owner's booklet which returns scan codes E0h 68h on make and E0h E8h on break

the "Preh Commander AT" keyboard with additional F11-F22 keys treats F11-F20 as Shift-F1..Shift-F10 and F21/F22 as Ctrl-F1/Ctrl-F2; the Eagle PC-2 keyboard with F11-F24 keys treated those additional keys in the same way

[Note1] the "Cherry G80-0777" keyboard has additional F11-F15 keys which generate make codes 55h-59h; some other extended keyboards generate codes 55h and 56h for F11 and F12, which cannot be managed by standard DOS keyboard drivers

[Note2] the Schneider/Amstrad PC1512 PC keyboards contain extra keys, a mouse, and a digital joystick, which are handled like extra keys. The joystick's motion scancodes are converted into standard arrow keys by the BIOS, and the joystick and mouse button scan codes are converted to FFFh codes in the BIOS keyboard buffer (see CMOS 15h"AMSTRAD").

In addition to the keys listed in the table above, there are

Del-> (delete forward)	70h
Enter	74h

SeeAlso: #00602 at INT 16/AX=6F07h,#03214 at INT 4A/AH=05h

-----H-0A-----

INT 0A - IRQ2 - ROLAND MPU MIDI INTERFACE

Note: newer Roland cards and MIDI interfaces by other manufacturers use a jumper-selectable IRQ, but software and hardware generally defaults to IRQ2

SeeAlso: INT 52"DESQview",INT 5A"DoubleDOS",INT 71,INT 7A"GO32"

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INT 10 - VIDEO - SET VIDEO MODE

AH = 00h

AL = desired video mode (see #00010)

Return: AL = video mode flag (Phoenix, AMI BIOS)

20h mode > 7

30h modes 0-5 and 7

3Fh mode 6

AL = CRT controller mode byte (Phoenix 386 BIOS v1.10)

Desc: specify the display mode for the currently active display adapter

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INT 10 - VIDEO - SET TEXT-MODE CURSOR SHAPE

AH = 01h

CH = cursor start and options (see #00013)

CL = bottom scan line containing cursor (bits 0-4)

Return: nothing

Desc: specify the starting and ending scan lines to be occupied by the hardware cursor in text modes

Notes: buggy on EGA systems--BIOS remaps cursor shape in 43 line modes, but returns unmapped cursor shape

UltraVision scales size to the current font height by assuming 14-line monochrome and 8-line color fonts; this call is not valid if cursor emulation has been disabled

applications which wish to change the cursor by programming the

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hardware directly on EGA or above should call INT 10/AX=1130h or read 0040h:0085h first to determine the current font height on some adapters, setting the end line greater than the number of lines in the font will result in the cursor extending to the top of the next character cell on the right

BUG: AMI 386 BIOS and AST Premier 386 BIOS will lock up the system if AL is not equal to the current video mode

SeeAlso: AH=03h,AX=CD05h,AH=12h/BL=34h,#03885

Bitfields for cursor start and options:

Bit(s)	Description (Table 00013)
7	should be zero
6,5	cursor blink (00=normal, 01=invisible, 10=erratic, 11=slow) (00=normal, other=invisible on EGA/VGA)
4-0	topmost scan line containing cursor

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INT 10 - VIDEO - SET CURSOR POSITION

AH = 02h
BH = page number
0-3 in modes 2&3
0-7 in modes 0&1
0 in graphics modes
DH = row (00h is top)
DL = column (00h is left)

Return: nothing

SeeAlso: AH=03h,AH=05h,INT 60/DI=030Bh,MEM 0040h:0050h

-----V-1003-----

INT 10 - VIDEO - GET CURSOR POSITION AND SIZE

AH = 03h
BH = page number
0-3 in modes 2&3
0-7 in modes 0&1
0 in graphics modes

Return: AX = 0000h (Phoenix BIOS)

CH = start scan line
CL = end scan line
DH = row (00h is top)
DL = column (00h is left)

Notes: a separate cursor is maintained for each of up to 8 display pages many ROM BIOSes incorrectly return the default size for a color display (start 06h, end 07h) when a monochrome display is attached With PhysTechSoft's PTS ROM-DOS the BH value is ignored on entry.

SeeAlso: AH=01h,AH=02h,AH=12h/BL=34h,MEM 0040h:0050h,MEM 0040h:0060h

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INT 10 - VIDEO - READ LIGHT PEN POSITION (except VGA)

AH = 04h

Return: AH = light pen trigger flag

00h not down/triggered

01h down/triggered

DH,DL = row,column of character light pen is on

CH = pixel row (graphics modes 04h-06h)

CX = pixel row (graphics modes with >200 rows)

BX = pixel column

Desc: determine the current position and status of the light pen (if present)

Notes: on a CGA, returned column numbers are always multiples of 2 (320-column modes) or 4 (640-column modes)
returned row numbers are only accurate to two lines

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INT 10 - HUNTER 16 - GET CURSOR ADDRESS

AH = 04h

BH = page

Return: DH = row (0..24)

DL = column (0..79)

CH = cursor pixel Y-address (0..199)

CL = cursor pixel X-address (0..639)

Notes: the Husky Hunter 16 is an 8088-based ruggedized laptop. Other family members are the Husky Hunter, Husky Hunter 16/80, and Husky Hawk.
pixel coordinates are for the lower left corner of the character cell containing the cursor

SeeAlso: AH=60h"HUNTER"

-----V-1005-----
INT 10 - VIDEO - SELECT ACTIVE DISPLAY PAGE

AH = 05h

AL = new page number (00h to number of pages - 1) (see #00010)

Return: nothing

Desc: specify which of possibly multiple display pages will be visible

Note: to determine whether the requested page actually exists, use AH=0Fh
to query the current page after making this call

SeeAlso: AH=0Fh,AH=43h,AH=45h,MEM 0040h:0062h,MEM 0040h:004Eh

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INT 10 - VIDEO - SCROLL UP WINDOW

AH = 06h

AL = number of lines by which to scroll up (00h = clear entire window)

BH = attribute used to write blank lines at bottom of window

CH,CL = row,column of window's upper left corner

DH,DL = row,column of window's lower right corner

Return: nothing

Note: affects only the currently active page (see AH=05h)

BUGS: some implementations (including the original IBM PC) have a bug which destroys BP

the Trident TVGA8900CL (BIOS dated 1992/9/8) clears DS to 0000h when scrolling in an SVGA mode (800x600 or higher)

SeeAlso: AH=07h,AH=12h"Tandy 2000",AH=72h,AH=73h,AX=7F07h,INT 50/AX=0014h

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INT 10 - VIDEO - SCROLL DOWN WINDOW

AH = 07h

AL = number of lines by which to scroll down (00h=clear entire window)

BH = attribute used to write blank lines at top of window

CH,CL = row,column of window's upper left corner

DH,DL = row,column of window's lower right corner

Return: nothing

Note: affects only the currently active page (see AH=05h)

BUGS: some implementations (including the original IBM PC) have a bug which destroys BP

the Trident TVGA8900CL (BIOS dated 1992/9/8) clears DS to 0000h when scrolling in an SVGA mode (800x600 or higher)

SeeAlso: AH=06h,AH=12h"Tandy 2000",AH=72h,AH=73h,INT 50/AX=0014h

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INT 10 - VIDEO - READ CHARACTER AND ATTRIBUTE AT CURSOR POSITION

AH = 08h

BH = page number (00h to number of pages - 1) (see #00010)

Return: AH = character's attribute (text mode only) (see #00014)

AH = character's color (Tandy 2000 graphics mode only)

AL = character

Notes: for monochrome displays, a foreground of 1 with background 0 is underlined

the blink bit may be reprogrammed to enable intense background colors using AX=1003h or by programming the CRT controller

the foreground intensity bit (3) can be programmed to switch between character sets A and B on EGA and VGA cards, thus enabling 512 simultaneous characters on screen. In this case the bit's usual function (intensity) is regularly turned off.

in graphics modes, only characters drawn with white foreground pixels are matched by the pattern-comparison routine

on the Tandy 2000, BH=FFh specifies that the current page should be used

because of the IBM BIOS specifications, there may exist some clone BIOSes which do not preserve SI or DI; the Novell DOS kernel preserves SI, DI, and BP before many INT 10h calls to avoid problems due to those registers not being preserved by the BIOS.

BUG: some IBM PC ROM BIOSes destroy BP when in graphics modes

SeeAlso: AH=09h,AX=1003h,AX=1103h,AH=12h/BL=37h,AX=5001h

Bitfields for character's display attribute:

Bit(s) Description (Table 00014)

7 foreground blink or (alternate) background bright (see also AX=1003h)

6-4 background color (see #00015)

3 foreground bright or (alternate) alternate character set (see AX=1103h)

2-0 foreground color (see #00015)

SeeAlso: #00026

(Table 00015)

Values for character color:

	Normal	Bright
000b	black	dark gray
001b	blue	light blue
010b	green	light green
011b	cyan	light cyan
100b	red	light red
101b	magenta	light magenta
110b	brown	yellow
111b	light gray	white

-----V-1009-----

INT 10 - VIDEO - WRITE CHARACTER AND ATTRIBUTE AT CURSOR POSITION

AH = 09h

AL = character to display

BH = page number (00h to number of pages - 1) (see #00010)
background color in 256-color graphics modes (ET4000)

BL = attribute (text mode) or color (graphics mode)

if bit 7 set in <256-color graphics mode, character is XOR'ed
onto screen

CX = number of times to write character

Return: nothing

Notes: all characters are displayed, including CR, LF, and BS

replication count in CX may produce an unpredictable result in graphics
modes if it is greater than the number of positions remaining in the
current row

With PhysTechSoft's PTS ROM-DOS the BH, BL, and CX values are ignored
on entry.

SeeAlso: AH=08h,AH=0Ah,AH=4Bh"GRAFIX",INT 17/AH=60h,INT 1F"SYSTEM DATA"

SeeAlso: INT 43"VIDEO DATA",INT 44"VIDEO DATA"

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INT 10 - VIDEO - SET BACKGROUND/BORDER COLOR

AH = 0Bh

BH = 00h

BL = background/border color (border only in text modes)

Return: nothing

SeeAlso: AH=0Bh/BH=01h

-----V-100F-----

INT 10 - VIDEO - GET CURRENT VIDEO MODE

AH = 0Fh

Return: AH = number of character columns

AL = display mode (see #00010 at AH=00h)

BH = active page (see AH=05h)

Notes: if mode was set with bit 7 set ("no blanking"), the returned mode will
also have bit 7 set

EGA, VGA, and UltraVision return either AL=03h (color) or AL=07h
(monochrome) in all extended-row text modes

HP 200LX returns AL=07h (monochrome) if mode was set to AL=21h
and always 80 resp. 40 columns in all text modes regardless of

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current zoom setting (see AH=D0h)

when using a Hercules Graphics Card, additional checks are necessary:

mode 05h: if WORD 0040h:0063h is 03B4h, may be in graphics page 1
(as set by DOSSHELL and other Microsoft software)

mode 06h: if WORD 0040h:0063h is 03B4h, may be in graphics page 0
(as set by DOSSHELL and other Microsoft software)

mode 07h: if BYTE 0040h:0065h bit 1 is set, Hercules card is in
graphics mode, with bit 7 indicating the page (mode set by
Hercules driver for Borland Turbo C)

the Tandy 2000 BIOS is only documented as returning AL, not AH or BH

SeeAlso: AH=00h,AH=05h,AX=10F2h,AX=1130h,AX=C0D4h,MEM 0040h:004Ah

-----V-1010-----

INT 10 - Tandy 2000 - VIDEO - GET/SET CHARACTER FONTS

AH = 10h

AL = control value

bit 0: set character set instead of reading it

bit 1: high 128 characters instead of low 128 characters

ES:BX -> new character set if AL bit 0 set

Return: ES:BX -> current character set if AL bit 0 clear on entry

Notes: this interrupt is identical to INT 52 on Tandy 2000

the character set consists of 16 bytes for each of the 128 characters,
where each of the 16 bytes describes the pixels in one scan line,
most significant bit leftmost

SeeAlso: AH=00h,AH=0Bh/BH=02h,AH=11h"Tandy 2000",AH=12h"Tandy 2000"

SeeAlso: INT 52"Tandy 2000"

-----V-101104-----

INT 10 - VIDEO - TEXT-MODE CHARGEN - LOAD ROM 8x16 CHARACTER SET (VGA)

AX = 1104h

BL = block to load

Return: nothing

Notes: (see AX=1100h)

SeeAlso: AX=1100h,AX=1101h,AX=1102h,AX=1103h,AX=1114h,AH=1Bh,AX=CD10h

SeeAlso: MEM 0040h:0084h

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INT 10 - VIDEO - DOS/V - GET/SET FONT PATTERN

AH = 18h

AL = subfunction

00h get font pattern

01h set font pattern

BX = 0000h

CL = character size in bytes (01h,02h)

CH = 00h

DH = character width in pixels

DL = character height in pixels

ES:DI -> buffer for/containing font image

Return: AL = status (00h successful, else error)

ES:DI buffer filled for function 00h if successful

Note: the supported font sizes are 8x16 single-byte, 8x19 single-byte,
16x16 double-byte, and 24x24 double-byte

SeeAlso: AH=19h,INT 16/AH=14h

-----V-101E08-----

INT 10 - VIDEO - FLAT-PANEL - CONTRAST SETTING

AX = 1E08h

BH = function

bit 7: =1 set contrast control, =0 query contrast

bit 6: use standard contrast

bits 5-0: reserved (0)

---if BH bits 7,6=10---

BL = contrast (00h = minimum, FFh = maximum)

Return: AL = 1Eh if function supported

BH = results

bit 7: query/set (copied from input)

bit 6: standard/custom (copied from input)

bits 5-2: reserved (0)

bit 1: software contrast control is supported

bit 0: set operation was succesful (always clear on get)

BL = contrast (00h = minimum, FFh = maximum)

Note: this function operates independently of AX=1E06h

SeeAlso: AX=1E00h,AX=1E06h,AX=1E07h

-----V-104F00-----

INT 10 - VESA SuperVGA BIOS (VBE) - GET SuperVGA INFORMATION

AX = 4F00h

ES:DI -> buffer for SuperVGA information (see #00077)

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

ES:DI buffer filled

01h failed

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02h function not supported by current hardware configuration

03h function invalid in current video mode

Desc: determine whether VESA BIOS extensions are present and the capabilities
supported by the display adapter

SeeAlso: AX=4E00h,AX=4F01h,AX=7F00h"SOLLEX",AX=A00Ch

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Format of SuperVGA information:

Offset Size Description (Table 00077)

00h 4 BYTES (ret) signature ("VESA")
(call) VESA 2.0 request signature ("VBE2"), required to receive
version 2.0 info

04h WORD VESA version number (one-digit minor version -- 0102h = v1.2)

06h DWORD pointer to OEM name
"761295520" for ATI

0Ah DWORD capabilities flags (see #00078)

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0Eh	DWORD	pointer to list of supported VESA and OEM video modes (list of words terminated with FFFFh)
12h	WORD	total amount of video memory in 64K blocks
---VBE v1.x ---		
14h	236 BYTES	reserved
---VBE v2.0 ---		
14h	WORD	OEM software version (BCD, high byte = major, low byte = minor)
16h	DWORD	pointer to vendor name
1Ah	DWORD	pointer to product name
1Eh	DWORD	pointer to product revision string
22h	WORD	(if capabilities bit 3 set) VBE/AF version (BCD) 0100h for v1.OP
24h	DWORD	(if capabilities bit 3 set) pointer to list of supported accelerated video modes (list of words terminated with FFFFh)
28h	216 BYTES	reserved for VBE implementation
100h	256 BYTES	OEM scratchpad (for OEM strings, etc.)

Notes: the list of supported video modes is stored in the reserved portion of the SuperVGA information record by some implementations, and it may thus be necessary to either copy the mode list or use a different buffer for all subsequent VESA calls

not all of the video modes in the list of mode numbers may be supported, e.g. if they require more memory than currently installed or are not supported by the attached monitor. Check any mode you intend to use through AX=4F01h first.

the 1.1 VESA document specifies 242 reserved bytes at the end, so the buffer should be 262 bytes to ensure that it is not overrun; for v2.0, the buffer should be 512 bytes

the S3 specific video modes will most likely follow the FFFFh terminator at the end of the standard modes. A search must then be made to find them, FFFFh will also terminate this second list in some cases, only a "stub" VBE may be present, supporting only AX=4F00h; this case may be assumed if the list of supported video modes is empty (consisting of a single word of FFFFh)

Bitfields for VESA capabilities:

Bit(s)	Description	(Table 00078)
0	DAC can be switched into 8-bit mode	
1	non-VGA controller	
2	programmed DAC with blank bit (i.e. only during blanking interval)	
3	(VBE v3.0) controller supports hardware stereoscopic signalling	
3	controller supports VBE/AF v1.OP extensions	
4	(VBE v3.0) if bit 3 set:	
	=0 stereo signalling via external VESA stereo connector	
	=1 stereo signalling via VESA EVC connector	
4	(VBE/AF v1.OP) must call EnableDirectAccess to access framebuffer	
5	(VBE/AF v1.OP) controller supports hardware mouse cursor	
6	(VBE/AF v1.OP) controller supports hardware clipping	
7	(VBE/AF v1.OP) controller supports transparent BitBLT	

8-31 reserved (0)

SeeAlso: #00077,AX=4F09h

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INT 10 - VESA SuperVGA BIOS - GET SuperVGA MODE INFORMATION

AX = 4F01h

CX = SuperVGA video mode (see #04082 for bitfields)

ES:DI -> 256-byte buffer for mode information (see #00079)

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

ES:DI buffer filled

01h failed

Desc: determine the attributes of the specified video mode

SeeAlso: AX=4F00h,AX=4F02h

Bitfields for VESA/VBE video mode number:

Bit(s) Description (Table 04082)

15 preserve display memory on mode change

14 (VBE v2.0+) use linear (flat) frame buffer

13 (VBE/AF 1.0P) VBE/AF initializes accelerator hardware

12 reserved for VBE/AF

11 (VBE v3.0) user user-specified CRTIC refresh rate values

10-9 reserved for future expansion

8-0 video mode number (0xxh are non-VESA modes, 1xxh are VESA-defined)

Format of VESA SuperVGA mode information:

Offset Size Description (Table 00079)

00h WORD mode attributes (see #00080)

02h BYTE window attributes, window A (see #00081)

03h BYTE window attributes, window B (see #00081)

04h WORD window granularity in KB

06h WORD window size in KB

08h WORD start segment of window A (0000h if not supported)

0Ah WORD start segment of window B (0000h if not supported)

0Ch DWORD -> FAR window positioning function (equivalent to AX=4F05h)

10h WORD bytes per scan line

---remainder is optional for VESA modes in v1.0/1.1, needed for OEM modes---

12h WORD width in pixels (graphics) or characters (text)

14h WORD height in pixels (graphics) or characters (text)

16h BYTE width of character cell in pixels

17h BYTE height of character cell in pixels

18h BYTE number of memory planes

19h BYTE number of bits per pixel

1Ah BYTE number of banks

1Bh BYTE memory model type (see #00082)

1Ch BYTE size of bank in KB

1Dh BYTE number of image pages (less one) that will fit in video RAM

1Eh BYTE reserved (00h for VBE 1.0-2.0, 01h for VBE 3.0)

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1Fh	BYTE	red mask size
20h	BYTE	red field position
21h	BYTE	green mask size
22h	BYTE	green field size
23h	BYTE	blue mask size
24h	BYTE	blue field size
25h	BYTE	reserved mask size
26h	BYTE	reserved mask position
27h	BYTE	direct color mode info
		bit 0: color ramp is programmable
		bit 1: bytes in reserved field may be used by application

---VBE v2.0+ ---

28h	DWORD	physical address of linear video buffer
2Ch	DWORD	pointer to start of offscreen memory
30h	WORD	KB of offscreen memory

---VBE v3.0 ---

32h	WORD	bytes per scan line in linear modes
34h	BYTE	number of images (less one) for banked video modes
35h	BYTE	number of images (less one) for linear video modes
36h	BYTE	linear modes: size of direct color red mask (in bits)
37h	BYTE	linear modes: bit position of red mask LSB (e.g. shift count)
38h	BYTE	linear modes: size of direct color green mask (in bits)
39h	BYTE	linear modes: bit position of green mask LSB (e.g. shift count)
3Ah	BYTE	linear modes: size of direct color blue mask (in bits)
3Bh	BYTE	linear modes: bit position of blue mask LSB (e.g. shift count)
3Ch	BYTE	linear modes: size of direct color reserved mask (in bits)
3Dh	BYTE	linear modes: bit position of reserved mask LSB
3Eh	DWORD	maximum pixel clock for graphics video mode, in Hz
42h	190 BYTES	reserved (0)

Note: while VBE 1.1 and higher will zero out all unused bytes of the buffer, v1.0 did not, so applications that want to be backward compatible should clear the buffer before calling

Bitfields for VESA SuperVGA mode attributes:

Bit(s)	Description	(Table 00080)
0	mode supported by present hardware configuration	
1	optional information available (must be =1 for VBE v1.2+)	
2	BIOS output supported	
3	set if color, clear if monochrome	
4	set if graphics mode, clear if text mode	

---VBE v2.0+ ---

5	mode is not VGA-compatible
6	bank-switched mode not supported
7	linear framebuffer mode supported
8	double-scan mode available (e.g. 320x200 and 320x240)

---VBE v3.0 ---

9	interlaced mode available
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- 10 hardware supports triple buffering
 - 11 hardware supports stereoscopic display
 - 12 dual display start address support
 - 13-15 reserved
- VBE/AF v1.0P---
- 9 application must call EnableDirectAccess before calling bank-switching functions
- SeeAlso: #00079

Bitfields for VESA SuperVGA window attributes:

- | Bit(s) | Description | (Table 00081) |
|--------|-------------|---------------|
| 0 | exists | |
| 1 | readable | |
| 2 | writable | |
| 3-7 | reserved | |
- SeeAlso: #00079

(Table 00082)

Values for VESA SuperVGA memory model type:

- 00h text
- 01h CGA graphics
- 02h HGC graphics
- 03h 16-color (EGA) graphics
- 04h packed pixel graphics
- 05h "sequ 256" (non-chain 4) graphics
- 06h direct color (HiColor, 24-bit color)
- 07h YUV (luminance-chrominance, also called YIQ)
- 08h-0Fh reserved for VESA
- 10h-FFh OEM memory models

SeeAlso: #00079

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INT 10 - VESA SuperVGA BIOS - SET SuperVGA VIDEO MODE

AX = 4F02h

BX = new video mode (see #04082,#00083,#00084)

ES:DI -> (VBE 3.0+) CRTC information block, bit mode bit 11 set
(see #04083)

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

01h failed

Notes: bit 13 may only be set if the video mode is present in the list of accelerated video modes returned by AX=4F00h
if the DAC supports both 8 bits per primary color and 6 bits, it will be reset to 6 bits after a mode set; use AX=4F08h to restore 8 bits

SeeAlso: AX=4E03h,AX=4F00h,AX=4F01h,AX=4F03h,AX=4F08h

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Values for VESA video mode:

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00h-FFh OEM video modes (see #00010 at AH=00h)

100h 640x400x256
101h 640x480x256
102h 800x600x16
103h 800x600x256
104h 1024x768x16
105h 1024x768x256
106h 1280x1024x16
107h 1280x1024x256
108h 80x60 text
109h 132x25 text
10Ah 132x43 text
10Bh 132x50 text
10Ch 132x60 text

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10Dh 320x200x32K
10Eh 320x200x64K
10Fh 320x200x16M
110h 640x480x32K
111h 640x480x64K
112h 640x480x16M
113h 800x600x32K
114h 800x600x64K
115h 800x600x16M
116h 1024x768x32K
117h 1024x768x64K
118h 1024x768x16M
119h 1280x1024x32K (1:5:5:5)
11Ah 1280x1024x64K (5:6:5)
11Bh 1280x1024x16M

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120h 1600x1200x256
121h 1600x1200x32K
122h 1600x1200x64K

81FFh special full-memory access mode

Notes: the special mode 81FFh preserves the contents of the video memory and gives access to all of the memory; VESA recommends that the special mode be a packed-pixel mode. For VBE 2.0+, it is required that the VBE implement the mode, but not place it in the list of available modes (mode information for this mode can be queried directly, however).

as of VBE 2.0, VESA will no longer define video mode numbers

SeeAlso: #00010,#00011,#00084,#00191

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Values for S3 OEM video mode:

201h 640x480x256

- 202h 800x600x16
- 203h 800x600x256
- 204h 1024x768x16
- 205h 1024x768x256
- 206h 1280x960x16
- 207h 1152x864x256 (Diamond Stealth 64)
- 208h 1280x1024x16
- 209h 1152x864x32K
- 20Ah 1152x864x64K (Diamond Stealth 64)
- 20Bh 1152x864x4G
- 211h 640x480x64K (Diamond Stealth 24)
- 211h 640x400x4G (Diamond Stealth64 Video / Stealth64 Graphics)
- 212h 640x480x16M (Diamond Stealth 24)
- 301h 640x480x32K

Note: these modes are only available on video cards using S3's VESA driver

SeeAlso: #00083,#00191,#00732 at INT 1A/AX=B102h

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Format of VESA VBE CRTIC Information Block:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 04083)
00h	WORD	total number of pixels horizontally	
02h	WORD	horizontal sync start (in pixels)	
04h	WORD	horizontal sync end (in pixels)	
06h	WORD	total number of scan lines	
08h	WORD	vertical sync start (in scan lines)	
0Ah	WORD	vertical sync end (in scan lines)	
0Ch	BYTE	flags (see #04084)	
0Dh	DWORD	pixel clock, in Hz	
11h	WORD	refresh rate, in 0.01 Hz units	
		this field MUST be set to $\text{pixel_clock} / (\text{HTotal} * \text{VTotal})$, even though it may not actually be used by the VBE implementation	
13h	40 BYTES	reserved	

Bitfields for VESA VBE CRTIC Information Block flags:

Bit(s)	Description	(Table 04084)
0	enable double scanning	
1	enable interlacing	
2	horizontal sync polarity (0 positive, 1 negative)	
3	vertical sync polarity (0 positive, 1 negative)	

SeeAlso: #04083

-----V-104F03-----

INT 10 - VESA SuperVGA BIOS - GET CURRENT VIDEO MODE

AX = 4F03h

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

BX = video mode (see #00083,#00084)

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bit 13: VBE/AF v1.0P accelerated video mode
bit 14: linear frame buffer enabled (VBE v2.0+)
bit 15: don't clear video memory

01h failed

SeeAlso: AH=0Fh,AX=4E04h,AX=4F02h

-----V-104F04-----

INT 10 - VESA SuperVGA BIOS - SAVE/RESTORE SuperVGA VIDEO STATE

AX = 4F04h

DL = subfunction

00h get state buffer size

Return: BX = number of 64-byte blocks needed

01h save video states

ES:BX -> buffer

02h restore video states

ES:BX -> buffer

CX = states to save/restore (see #00085)

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

01h failed

SeeAlso: AH=1Ch,AX=5F90h,AX=5FA0h

Bitfields for VESA SuperVGA states to save/restore:

Bit(s) Description (Table 00085)

0 video hardware state

1 video BIOS data state

2 video DAC state

3 SuperVGA register state

SeeAlso: #00048,#00186

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INT 10 - VESA VBE/AI (Audio Interface) - QUERY DEVICE

AX = 4F13h

BX = 0002h

CX = handle

DX = query

0001h return length of GeneralDeviceClass

0002h return copy of GeneralDeviceClass (see #00112)

0003h return length of Volume Info Structure

0004h return copy of Volume Info Structure (see #00122)

0005h return length of Volume Services Structure

0006h return copy of Volume Services Structure (see #00124)

0007h-000Fh reserved

0010h-FFFFh device-specific

SI:DI -> buffer (functions 0002h,0004h,0006h)

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

SI:DI = length (functions 1,3,5)

SI:DI buffer filled (functions 2,4,6)
 01h failed

Note: functions 0003h to 0006h are only supported for the Volume device

Format of GeneralDeviceClass structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00112)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure ("GENI")	
04h	DWORD	structure length	
08h	WORD	type of device (1=Wave, 2=MIDI)	
0Ah	WORD	version of VESA driver support (0100h for 1.00)	
10h	var	for CX=handle for Wave device: Wave Info structure (see #00113) some bytes ??? for CX=handle for MIDI device: MIDI Info Structure (see #00118) first 8 bytes of MIDI Service Structure ???	

SeeAlso: #00122,#00124

Format of WAVE Info Structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00113)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure ("WAVI")	
04h	DWORD	structure length [0000007Eh]	
08h	DWORD	driver software version [00000003h]	
0Ch	32 BYTES	vendor name, etc. (ASCIZ string)	
2Ch	32 BYTES	vendor product name	
4Ch	32 BYTES	vendor chip/hardware description	
6Ch	BYTE	installed board number	
6Dh	3 BYTES	unused data	
70h	DWORD	feature bits (see #00114)	
74h	WORD	user determined preference field	
76h	WORD	memory required for driver use [0200h]	
78h	WORD	number of timer tick callbacks per second [0000h]	
7Ah	WORD	channels: 1 = mono, 2 = stereo stereo is assumed to be interleaved data	
7Ch	WORD	bitfield of max sample sizes (see #00115)	

SeeAlso: #00118

Bitfields for Wave feature bits:

Bit(s)	Description	(Table 00114)
0	8000hz Mono Playback	
1	8000hz Mono Record	
2	8000hz Stereo Record	
3	8000hz Stereo Playback	
4	8000hz Full Duplex Play/Record	
5	11025hz Mono Playback	
6	11025hz Mono Record	
7	11025hz Stereo Record	
8	11025hz Stereo Playback	

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9	11025hz Full Duplex Play/Record
10	22050hz Mono Playback
11	22050hz Mono Record
12	22050hz Stereo Record
13	22050hz Stereo Playback
14	22050hz Full Duplex Play/Record
15	44100hz Mono Playback
16	44100hz Mono Record
17	44100hz Stereo Record
18	44100hz Stereo Playback
19	44100hz Full Duplex Play/Record
20-26	reserved (0)
27	driver must pre-handle the data
28	Variable Sample mono playback
29	Variable Sample stereo playback
30	Variable Sample mono record
31	Variable Sample stereo record

(Table 00115)

Values for Sample data size:

01h	8bit play
02h	16bit play
10h	8bit record
20h	16bit record

Format of WAVE Audio Services structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00116)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure	
04h	DWORD	structure length	
08h	16 BYTES	for future expansion	
---entry points (details???)---			
18h	DWORD	DeviceCheck	
		11h	compression (see also #00117)
		12h	driver state
		13h	get current pos
		14h	sample rate
		15h	set preference
		16h	get DMA,IRQ
		17h	get IO address
		18h	get mem address
		19h	get mem free
		1Ah	full duplex
		1Bh	get block size
		1Ch	get PCM format
		1Dh	enable PCM format
		80h-..	vendors can add DevChks above 0x80
1Ch	DWORD	PCMInfo	
20h	DWORD	PlayBlock	

24h	DWORD	PlayCont
28h	DWORD	RecordBlock
2Ch	DWORD	RecordCont
30h	DWORD	PauseIO
34h	DWORD	ResumelO
38h	DWORD	StopIO
3Ch	DWORD	WavePrepare
40h	DWORD	WaveRegister
44h	DWORD	GetLastError
		01h unsupported feature/function
		02h bad sample rate
		03h bad block length
		04h bad block address
		05h app. missed an IRQ
		06h don't understand the PCM size/format
		80h-.. vendors specific errors
48h	DWORD	TimerTick
4Ch	DWORD	ApplPSyncCB: Callback: play filled in by the app
50h	DWORD	ApplRSyncCB: Callback: rec filled in by the app

SeeAlso: #00120,#00124

(Table 00117)

Values for type of compression:

01h	IMA play
02h	ALAW play
03h	ULAW play
11h	IMA record
12h	ALAW record
13h	ULAW record

Format of MIDI Info Structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00118)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure ("MIDI")	
04h	DWORD	structure length	
08h	DWORD	driver software version [00000003h]	
0Ch	32 BYTES	vendor name, etc. (ASCIZ string)	
2Ch	32 BYTES	vendor product name	
4Ch	32 BYTES	vendor chip/hardware description	
6Ch	BYTE	installed board number	
6Dh	3 BYTES	unused data	
70h	14 BYTES	the patch library file name [OPL2.BNK 00..]	
7Eh	DWORD	feature bits (see #00119)	
80h	WORD	user determined preference field	
82h	WORD	memory required for driver use	
84h	WORD	# of timer tick callbacks per second	
86h	WORD	max # of tones (voices, partials)	

SeeAlso: #00112,#00120,#00122

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Bitfields for MIDI feature bits:

Bit(s)	Description	(Table 00119)
0-3	reserved for GM extensions	
4	Transmitter/Receiver only	
5	Patches preloaded	
6	MIDI receive has time stamp	
8	MIDI interrupt driven input supported	
9	MIDI polled input supported	
10	MIDI remote patches supported	

Format of MIDI Service structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00120)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure ("MIDS")	
04h	DWORD	structure length	
08h	16 WORDS	patches loaded table bit field	
28h	16 BYTES	for future expansion	
---entry points (details???)---			
38h	DWORD	device check	
		11h return available tones	
		12h return TRUE/FALSE if patch is understood	
		13h set preference	
		14h allow/disallow voice stealing	
		15h get FIFO sizes	
		16h get DMA,IRQ	
		17h get IO address	
		18h get mem address	
		19h get mem free	
		80h-.. vendors can add DevChks above 0x80	
3Ch	DWORD	global reset	
40h	DWORD	MIDI msg	
44h	DWORD	poll MIDI	
48h	DWORD	preload patch	
4Ch	DWORD	unload patch	
50h	DWORD	timer tick	
54h	DWORD	get last error	
		01h unsupported feature/function	
		02h unknown patch type (see #00121)	
		03h all tones are used	
		04h messages are out of sync	
		05h an incoming patch was incomplete	
		06h an incoming patch couldn't be stored	
		07h had to drop an incoming byte	
		08h driver is failing a patch download	
		80h-.. vendors specific errors	
58h	DWORD	Patch Block free callback	
5Ch	DWORD	MIDI byte avail. callback	

SeeAlso: #00116,#00124

(Table 00121)

Values for MIDI Registered Patch Types:

10h OPL2
11h OPL3

Format of Volume Info Structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00122)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure ("VOLI")	
04h	DWORD	structure length (00000092h)	
08h	DWORD	driver software version [00000001h]	
0Ch	32 BYTES	vendor name, etc. (ASCIZ string)	
2Ch	32 BYTES	vendor product name	
4Ch	32 BYTES	vendor chip/hardware description	
6Ch	BYTE	installed board number (0 for 1st/only board)	
6Dh	3 BYTES	unused data (0)	
70h	24 BYTES	text name of the mixer channel	
88h	DWORD	features bits (see #00123)	
8Ch	WORD	minimum volume setting	
8Eh	WORD	maximum volume setting	
90h	WORD	attenuation/gain crossover	

SeeAlso: #00112,#00124

Bitfields for Volume feature bits:

Bit(s)	Description	(Table 00123)
0	Stereo Volume control available	
2	Low Pass Filter is available	
3	High Pass Filter is available	
4	Parametric Tone Control is available	
5	selectable output paths	
8	Azimuth Field positioning supported	
9	Phi Field positioning supported	
10-30	unused???	
31	Master Volume device	

Format of Volume Services Structure:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 00124)
00h	4 BYTES	name of the structure ("VOLS")	
04h	DWORD	structure length (00000038h)	
08h	16 BYTES	16 bytes for future expansion (0)	
---entry points (details???)---			
18h	DWORD	device check	
		0011h filter range	
		0012h filter setting	
		0013h filter current	
		0014h tone range	
		0015h tone setting	
		0016h tone current	
		0017h path	

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0018h get IO address
0080h-.. vendors can add DevChks above 0x80
1Ch DWORD set vol to an absolute setting
 01h User master volume setting
 02h application master volume setting
20h DWORD set 3D volume
24h DWORD tone control
28h DWORD filter control
2Ch DWORD output path
30h DWORD reset channel
34h DWORD get last error
 01h unsupported feature/function
 02h out of range parameter value
 80h+ vendor-specific errors

SeeAlso: #00116,#00120

-----s-104F13BX0003-----

INT 10 - VESA VBE/AI (Audio Interface) - OPEN DEVICE

AX = 4F13h
BX = 0003h
CX = handle
DX = API set (16/32-bit)
SI = segment ???

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status
 00h successful
 SI: CX -> memory ???
 01h failed

SeeAlso: AX=4F13h/BX=0000h,AX=4F13h/BX=0002h,AX=4F13h/BX=0004h

-----s-104F13BX0004-----

INT 10 - VESA VBE/AI (Audio Interface) - CLOSE DEVICE

AX = 4F13h
BX = 0004h
CX = handle

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status
 00h successful
 01h failed

SeeAlso: AX=4F13h/BX=0000h,AX=4F13h/BX=0003h,AX=4F13h/BX=0005h

-----s-104F13BX0005-----

INT 10 - VESA VBE/AI (Audio Interface) - UNINSTALL DRIVER

AX = 4F13h
BX = 0005h

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status
 00h successful
 01h failed

SeeAlso: AX=4F13h/BX=0000h,AX=4F13h/BX=0006h

-----s-104F13BX0006-----

INT 10 - VESA VBE/AI (Audio Interface) - DRIVER CHAIN/UNCHAIN

AX = 4F13h

BX = 0006h

Return: AL = 4Fh if function supported

AH = status

00h successful

01h failed

SeeAlso: AX=4F13h/BX=0000h,AX=4F13h/BX=0005h

INT 13 - DISK - GET DRIVE PARAMETERS (PC,XT286,CONV,PS,ESDI,SCSI)

AH = 08h

DL = drive (bit 7 set for hard disk)

ES:DI = 0000h:0000h to guard against BIOS bugs

Return: CF set on error

AH = status (07h) (see #00234)

CF clear if successful

AH = 00h

AL = 00h on at least some BIOSes

BL = drive type (AT/PS2 floppies only) (see #00242)

CH = low eight bits of maximum cylinder number

CL = maximum sector number (bits 5-0)

high two bits of maximum cylinder number (bits 7-6)

DH = maximum head number

DL = number of drives

ES:DI -> drive parameter table (floppies only)

Notes: may return successful even though specified drive is greater than the number of attached drives of that type (floppy/hard); check DL to ensure validity

for systems predating the IBM AT, this call is only valid for hard disks, as it is implemented by the hard disk BIOS rather than the ROM BIOS

the IBM ROM-BIOS returns the total number of hard disks attached to the system regardless of whether DL >= 80h on entry.

Toshiba laptops with HardRAM return DL=02h when called with DL=80h, but fail on DL=81h. The BIOS data at 40h:75h correctly reports 01h.

may indicate only two drives present even if more are attached; to ensure a correct count, one can use AH=15h to scan through possible drives

Reportedly some Compaq BIOSes with more than one hard disk controller return only the number of drives DL attached to the corresponding controller as specified by the DL value on entry. However, on Compaq machines with "COMPAQ" signature at F000h:FFEAh, MS-DOS/PC DOS IO.SYS/IBMBIO.COM call INT 15/AX=E400h and INT 15/AX=E480h to enable Compaq "mode 2" before retrieving the count of hard disks installed in the system (DL) from this function.

the maximum cylinder number reported in CX is usually two less than the total cylinder count reported in the fixed disk parameter table (see INT 41h,INT 46h) because early hard disks used the last cylinder for testing purposes; however, on some Zenith machines, the maximum

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cylinder number reportedly is three less than the count in the fixed disk parameter table.

for BIOSes which reserve the last cylinder for testing purposes, the cylinder count is automatically decremented

on PS/1s with IBM ROM DOS 4, nonexistent drives return CF clear, BX=CX=0000h, and ES:DI = 0000h:0000h

machines with lost CMOS memory may return invalid data for floppy drives. In this situation CF is cleared, but AX,BX,CX,DX,DH,DI, and ES contain only 0. At least under some circumstances, MS-DOS/PC DOS IO.SYS/IBMBIO.COM just assumes a 360 KB floppy if it sees CH to be zero for a floppy.

the PC-Tools PCFORMAT program requires that AL=00h before it will proceed with the formatting

if this function fails, an alternative way to retrieve the number of floppy drives installed in the system is to call INT 11h.

In fact, the MS-DOS/PC-DOS IO.SYS/IBMBIO.COM attempts to get the number of floppy drives installed from INT 13/AH=08h, when INT 11h AX bit 0 indicates there are no floppy drives installed. In addition to testing the CF flag, it only trusts the result when the number of sectors (CL preset to zero) is non-zero after the call.

BUGS: several different Compaq BIOSes incorrectly report high-numbered drives (such as 90h, B0h, D0h, and F0h) as present, giving them the same geometry as drive 80h; as a workaround, scan through disk numbers, stopping as soon as the number of valid drives encountered equals the value in 0040h:0075h

a bug in Leading Edge 8088 BIOS 3.10 causes the DI,SI,BP,DS, and ES registers to be destroyed

some Toshiba BIOSes (at least before 1995, maybe some laptops??? with 1.44 MB floppies) have a bug where they do not set the ES:DI vector even for floppy drives. Hence these registers should be preset with zero before the call and checked to be non-zero on return before using them. Also it seems these BIOSes can return wrong info in BL and CX, as S/DOS 1.0 can be configured to preset these registers as for an 1.44 MB floppy.

the PS/2 Model 30 fails to reset the bus after INT 13/AH=08h and INT 13/AH=15h. A workaround is to monitor for these functions and perform a transparent INT 13/AH=01h status read afterwards. This will reset the bus. The MS-DOS 6.0 IO.SYS takes care of this by installing a special INT 13h interceptor for this purpose.

AD-DOS may leave interrupts disabled on return from this function.

Some Microsoft software explicitly sets STI after return.

SeeAlso: AH=06h"Adaptec",AH=13h"SyQuest",AH=48h,AH=15h,INT 1E

SeeAlso: INT 41"HARD DISK 0"

(Table 00242)

Values for diskette drive type:

01h	360K
02h	1.2M

03h 720K
 04h 1.44M
 05h ??? (reportedly an obscure drive type shipped on some IBM machines)
 2.88M on some machines (at least AMI 486 BIOS)
 06h 2.88M
 10h ATAPI Removable Media Device

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INT 15 - V20-XT-BIOS - JOYSTICK SUPPORT

AH = 84h

DX = subfunction

0000h read joystick switches

Return: AL bits 7-4 = switch settings

other: read positions of joysticks as indicated by bits 0-3

Return: AX = X position of joystick A (if DX bit 0 set)

BX = Y position of joystick A (if DX bit 1 set)

CX = X position of joystick B (if DX bit 2 set)

DX = Y position of joystick B (if DX bit 3 set)

Return: CF set on error

AH = status (see #00496)

CF clear if successful

Program: V20-XT-BIOS is a ROM BIOS replacement with extensions by Peter Koehlmann / c't magazine

SeeAlso: AH=84h"PS",INT 10/AH=0Eh/CX=ABCDh

-----B-1B-----

INT 1B C - KEYBOARD - CONTROL-BREAK HANDLER

Desc: this interrupt is automatically called when INT 09 determines that Control-Break has been pressed

Note: normally points to a short routine in DOS which sets the Ctrl-C flag, thus invoking INT 23h the next time DOS checks for Ctrl-C.

SeeAlso: INT 23, MEM 0040h:0071h

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INT 1C - TIME - SYSTEM TIMER TICK

Desc: this interrupt is automatically called on each clock tick by the INT 08 handler

Notes: this is the preferred interrupt to chain when a program needs to be invoked regularly

not available on NEC 9800-series PCs

SeeAlso: INT 08, INT E2"PC Cluster"

-----D-2100-----

INT 21 - DOS 1+ - TERMINATE PROGRAM

AH = 00h

CS = PSP segment

Notes: Microsoft recommends using INT 21/AH=4Ch for DOS 2+ this function sets the program's return code (ERRORLEVEL) to 00h execution continues at the address stored in INT 22 after DOS performs whatever cleanup it needs to do (restoring the INT 22, INT 23, INT 24 vectors from the PSP assumed to be located at offset 0000h in the segment indicated by the stack copy of CS, etc.)

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if the PSP is its own parent, the process's memory is not freed; if
INT 22 additionally points into the terminating program, the
process is effectively NOT terminated
not supported by MS Windows 3.0 DOSX.EXE DOS extender

SeeAlso: AH=26h,AH=31h,AH=4Ch,INT 20,INT 22

-----D-2101-----

INT 21 - DOS 1+ - READ CHARACTER FROM STANDARD INPUT, WITH ECHO
AH = 01h

Return: AL = character read

Notes: ^C/^Break are checked, and INT 23 executed if read

^P toggles the DOS-internal echo-to-printer flag

^Z is not interpreted, thus not causing an EOF if input is redirected

character is echoed to standard output

standard input is always the keyboard and standard output the screen
under DOS 1.x, but they may be redirected under DOS 2+

SeeAlso: AH=06h,AH=07h,AH=08h,AH=0Ah

-----v-21010F-----

INT 21 - VIRUS - "Susan" - INSTALLATION CHECK

AX = 010Fh

Return: AX = 7553h ("Su") if resident

SeeAlso: INT 16/AH=DDh"VIRUS",INT 21/AX=0B56h

-----D-2102-----

INT 21 - DOS 1+ - WRITE CHARACTER TO STANDARD OUTPUT

AH = 02h

DL = character to write

Return: AL = last character output (despite the official docs which state
nothing is returned) (at least DOS 2.1-7.0)

Notes: ^C/^Break are checked, and INT 23 executed if pressed

standard output is always the screen under DOS 1.x, but may be
redirected under DOS 2+

the last character output will be the character in DL unless DL=09h

on entry, in which case AL=20h as tabs are expanded to blanks

if standard output is redirected to a file, no error checks (write-
protected, full media, etc.) are performed

SeeAlso: AH=06h,AH=09h

-----D-2103-----

INT 21 - DOS 1+ - READ CHARACTER FROM STDAUX

AH = 03h

Return: AL = character read

Notes: keyboard checked for ^C/^Break, and INT 23 executed if detected

STDAUX is usually the first serial port

SeeAlso: AH=04h,INT 14/AH=02h,INT E0/CL=03h

-----D-2104-----

INT 21 - DOS 1+ - WRITE CHARACTER TO STDAUX

AH = 04h

DL = character to write

Notes: keyboard checked for ^C/^Break, and INT 23 executed if detected
STDAUX is usually the first serial port

if STDAUX is busy, this function will wait until it becomes free

SeeAlso: AH=03h,INT 14/AH=01h,INT E0/CL=04h

-----D-2105-----

INT 21 - DOS 1+ - WRITE CHARACTER TO PRINTER

AH = 05h

DL = character to print

Notes: keyboard checked for ^C/^Break, and INT 23 executed if detected
STDPRN is usually the first parallel port, but may be redirected under
DOS 2+

if the printer is busy, this function will wait

SeeAlso: INT 17/AH=00h

-----D-2131-----

INT 21 - DOS 2+ - TERMINATE AND STAY RESIDENT

AH = 31h

AL = return code

DX = number of paragraphs to keep resident

Return: never

Notes: the value in DX only affects the memory block containing the PSP;
additional memory allocated via AH=48h is not affected
the minimum number of paragraphs which will remain resident is 11h
for DOS 2.x and 06h for DOS 3.0+
most TSRs can save some memory by releasing their environment block
before terminating (see #01378 at AH=26h,AH=49h)
any open files remain open, so one should close any files which will
not be used before going resident; to access a file which is left
open from the TSR, one must switch PSP segments first (see AH=50h)

SeeAlso: AH=00h,AH=4Ch,AH=4Dh,INT 20,INT 22,INT 27

-----D-2132-----

INT 21 - DOS 2+ - GET DOS DRIVE PARAMETER BLOCK FOR SPECIFIC DRIVE

AH = 32h

DL = drive number (00h = default, 01h = A:, etc)

Return: AL = status

00h successful

DS:BX -> Drive Parameter Block (DPB) (see #01395) for specified
drive

FFh invalid or network drive

Notes: the OS/2 compatibility box supports the DOS 3.3 version of this call
except for the DWORD at offset 12h
this call updates the DPB by reading the disk; the DPB may be accessed
via the DOS list of lists (see #01627 at AH=52h) if disk access is not
desirable.

undocumented prior to the release of DOS 5.0; only the DOS 4.0+
version of the DPB has been documented, however

supported by DR DOS 3.41+; DR DOS 3.41-6.0 return the same data as
MS-DOS 3.31

IBM ROM-DOS v4.0 also reports invalid/network (AL=FFh) on the ROM drive

SeeAlso: AH=1Fh,AH=52h,AX=7302h

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Format of DOS Drive Parameter Block:

Offset	Size	Description (Table 01395)
00h	BYTE	drive number (00h = A: , 01h = B: , etc)
01h	BYTE	unit number within device driver
02h	WORD	bytes per sector
04h	BYTE	highest sector number within a cluster
05h	BYTE	shift count to convert clusters into sectors
06h	WORD	number of reserved sectors at beginning of drive
08h	BYTE	number of FATs
09h	WORD	number of root directory entries
0Bh	WORD	number of first sector containing user data
0Dh	WORD	highest cluster number (number of data clusters + 1) 16-bit FAT if greater than 0FF6h, else 12-bit FAT
0Fh	BYTE	number of sectors per FAT
10h	WORD	sector number of first directory sector
12h	DWORD	address of device driver header (see #01646)
16h	BYTE	media ID byte (see #01356)
17h	BYTE	00h if disk accessed, FFh if not
18h	DWORD	pointer to next DPB

---DOS 2.x---

1Ch	WORD	cluster containing start of current directory, 0000h=root, FFFFh = unknown
1Eh	64 BYTES	ASCIZ pathname of current directory for drive

---DOS 3.x---

1Ch	WORD	cluster at which to start search for free space when writing
1Eh	WORD	number of free clusters on drive, FFFFh = unknown

---DOS 4.0-6.0---

0Fh	WORD	number of sectors per FAT
11h	WORD	sector number of first directory sector
13h	DWORD	address of device driver header (see #01646)
17h	BYTE	media ID byte (see #01356)
18h	BYTE	00h if disk accessed, FFh if not
19h	DWORD	pointer to next DPB
1Dh	WORD	cluster at which to start search for free space when writing, usually the last cluster allocated
1Fh	WORD	number of free clusters on drive, FFFFh = unknown

SeeAlso: #01357,#01663,#01787 at AX=7302h,#04039 at INT E0/CL=71h

-----D-213305-----

INT 21 - DOS 4.0+ - GET BOOT DRIVE

AX = 3305h

Return: DL = boot drive (1=A: ,...)

Notes: This function does not use any of the DOS-internal stacks and may thus be called at any time. It is directly dispatched from the INT 21h entry point with interrupts disabled.

NEC 9800-series PCs always call the boot drive A: and assign the other drive letters sequentially to the other drives in the system

this call is supported by OS/2 Warp 3.0, but not earlier versions of OS/2; it is also supported by Novell DOS 7

-----D-215D0B-----

INT 21 OU - DOS 4.x only - internal - GET DOS SWAPPABLE DATA AREAS

AX = 5D0Bh

Return: CF set on error

AX = error code (see #01680)

CF clear if successful

DS:SI -> swappable data area list (see #01689)

Notes: copying and restoring the swappable data areas allows DOS to be reentered unless it is in a critical section delimited by calls to

INT 2A/AH=80h and INT 2A/AH=81h,82h

SHARE and other DOS utilities consult the byte at offset 04h in the

DOS data segment (see INT 2F/AX=1203h) to determine the SDA format

in use: 00h = DOS 3.x, 01h = DOS 4.0-6.0, other = error.

DOS 5+ use the SDA format listed below, but revert back to the DOS 3.x

call for finding the SDA (see #01687); Novell DOS 7 does not support

this function, either.

SeeAlso: AX=5D06h,INT 2A/AH=80h,INT 2A/AH=81h,INT 2A/AH=82h,INT 2F/AX=1203h

Format of DOS 4.x swappable data area list:

Offset Size Description (Table 01689)

00h WORD count of data areas

02h N BYTES "count" copies of data area record

Offset Size Description

00h DWORD address

04h WORD length and type

bit 15 set if swap always, clear if swap in DOS

bits 14-0: length in bytes

SeeAlso: #01690

Format of DOS 4.0-6.0 swappable data area:

Offset Size Description (Table 01690)

-34 BYTE printer echo flag (00h off, FFh active)

-31 BYTE current switch character (ignored by DOS 5+)

-30 BYTE current memory allocation strategy (see AH=58h)

-28 BYTE incremented on each INT 21/AX=5E01h call

-27 16 BYTES machine name set by INT 21/AX=5E01h

-11 5 WORDs zero-terminated list of offsets which need to be patched to

enable critical-section calls (see INT 2A/AH=80h)

(all offsets are 0D0Ch, but this list is still present for

DOS 3.x compatibility)

-1 BYTE unused padding

Note: the above data is not actually part of the SDA, and is much more likely

to change between DOS versions/OEMs than data in the SDA itself

---start of actual SDA---

00h BYTE critical error flag ("ErrorMode")

01h BYTE InDOS flag (count of active INT 21 calls)

02h BYTE drive on which current critical error occurred or FFh

(DR DOS 3.41/5.0 set this to 00h when no critical error)

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03h	BYTE	locus of last error
04h	WORD	extended error code of last error
06h	BYTE	suggested action for last error
07h	BYTE	class of last error
08h	DWORD	ES:DI pointer for last error
0Ch	DWORD	current DTA (Disk Transfer Address) note: may point into SDA during the DOS EXEC function (see AH=4Bh), so programs which swap the SDA must be prepared to move the DTA to a private buffer if they might be invoked during an EXEC
10h	WORD	current PSP
12h	WORD	stores SP across an INT 23
14h	WORD	return code from last process termination (zerod after reading with AH=4Dh)
16h	BYTE	current drive
17h	BYTE	extended break flag
18h	BYTE	flag: code page switching
19h	BYTE	flag: copy of previous byte in case of INT 24 Abort
---remainder need only be swapped if in DOS---		
1Ah	WORD	value of AX on call to INT 21 Note: does not contain correct value on functions 00h-0Ch, 50h, 51h, 59h, or 62h
1Ch	WORD	PSP segment for sharing/network (0000h = local)
1Eh	WORD	network machine number for sharing/network (0000h = local)
20h	WORD	first usable memory block found when allocating memory
22h	WORD	best usable memory block found when allocating memory
24h	WORD	last usable memory block found when allocating memory
26h	WORD	memory size in paragraphs (used only during initialization)
28h	WORD	last entry checked during directory search
2Ah	BYTE	flag: nonzero if INT 24 Fail
2Bh	BYTE	flags: allowable INT 24 responses (passed to INT 24 in AH)
2Ch	BYTE	flag: do not set directory if nonzero
2Dh	BYTE	flag: program aborted by ^C
2Eh	BYTE	flag: allow embedded blanks in FCB may also allow use of "*" wildcard in FCBS
2Fh	BYTE	padding (unused)
30h	BYTE	day of month
31h	BYTE	month
32h	WORD	year - 1980
34h	WORD	number of days since 01jan1980
36h	BYTE	day of week (0 = Sunday)
37h	BYTE	flag: console swapped during read from device
38h	BYTE	flag: safe to call INT 28 if nonzero
39h	BYTE	flag: abort currently in progress, turn INT 24 Abort into Fail
3Ah	30 BYTES	device driver request header (see #02597 at INT 2F/AX=0802h) for device calls
58h	DWORD	pointer to device driver entry point (used in calling driver)
5Ch	22 BYTES	device driver request header for I/O calls

72h	14 BYTES	device driver request header for disk status check (also includes following eight bytes for some calls)
80h	DWORD	pointer to device I/O buffer
84h	WORD	part of request header at 72h
86h	WORD	part of request header at 72h (0)
88h	BYTE	type of PSP copy (00h=simple for INT 21/AH=26h, FFh=make child)
89h	DWORD	start offset of file region to lock/unlock
8Dh	DWORD	length of file region to lock/unlock
91h	BYTE	padding (unused)
92h	3 BYTES	24-bit user number (see AH=30h)
95h	BYTE	OEM number (see #01394 at AH=30h)
96h	6 BYTES	CLOCK\$ transfer record (see #01688 at AX=5D06h)
9Ch	BYTE	device I/O buffer for single-byte I/O functions
9Dh	BYTE	padding
9Eh	128 BYTES	buffer for filename
11Eh	128 BYTES	buffer for filename (rename destination name)
19Eh	21 BYTES	findfirst/findnext search data block (see #01626 at AH=4Eh)
1B3h	32 BYTES	directory entry for found file (see #01394 at AH=11h)
1D3h	88 BYTES	copy of current directory structure for drive being accessed
22Bh	11 BYTES	FCB-format filename for device name comparison
236h	BYTE	terminating NUL for above filename
237h	11 BYTES	wildcard destination specification for rename (FCB format)
242h	BYTE	terminating NUL for above filespec
243h	BYTE	padding???
244h	WORD	destination starting sector (cluster???)
246h	5 BYTES	extra space to allow a directory entry to be stored starting at offset 22Bh
24Bh	BYTE	extended FCB file attributes
24Ch	BYTE	type of FCB (00h regular, FFh extended)
24Dh	BYTE	directory search attributes
24Eh	BYTE	file open/access mode
24Fh	BYTE	flag: nonzero if file was deleted
250h	BYTE	flag: device name found on rename, or file not found
251h	BYTE	flag: splice file name and directory name together
252h	BYTE	flag indicating how DOS function was invoked (00h = direct INT 20/INT 21, FFh = server call AX=5D00h)
253h	BYTE	sector position within cluster
254h	BYTE	flag: translating sector/cluster
255h	BYTE	flag: 00h if read, 01h if write
256h	BYTE	current working drive number
257h	BYTE	cluster factor
258h	BYTE	"sda_CLUSSPLIT" flag: cluster split between two FAT sectors
259h	BYTE	line edit (AH=0Ah) insert mode flag (nonzero = on)
25Ah	BYTE	canonicalized filename referred to existing file/dir if FFh
25Bh	BYTE	volume ID flag
25Ch	BYTE	type of process termination (00h-03h) (see AH=4Dh)
25Dh	BYTE	unused (padding for alignment)
25Eh	BYTE	file create flag (00h = no, search only)

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25Fh	BYTE	value for deleted file's first byte: 00h to delete all, else E5
260h	DWORD	pointer to Drive Parameter Block for critical error invocation
264h	DWORD	pointer to stack frame containing user registers on INT 21
268h	WORD	stores SP across INT 24
26Ah	DWORD	pointer to DOS Drive Parameter Block for ???
26Eh	WORD	segment of disk buffer
270h	DWORD	saving partial cluster number
274h	WORD	"sda_PREREAD" 00h if preread, 01h if optional
276h	WORD	temporary used in allocating disk space
278h	BYTE	Media ID byte returned by AH=1Bh,1Ch
279h	BYTE	unused
27Ah	DWORD	pointer to device header if filename is character device
27Eh	DWORD	pointer to current SFT
282h	DWORD	pointer to current directory structure for drive being accessed
286h	DWORD	pointer to caller's FCB
28Ah	WORD	SFT index to which file being opened will refer
28Ch	WORD	temporary storage for file handle
28Eh	DWORD	pointer to JFT entry (for file being opened) in process handle table (see #01378 at AH=26h)
292h	WORD	"sda_WFP_START" offset in DOS DS of first filename argument
294h	WORD	"sda_REN_WFP" offset in DOS DS of second filename argument
296h	WORD	offset of last component in pathname or FFFFh
298h	WORD	offset of transfer address to add
29Ah	WORD	last relative cluster within file being accessed
29Ch	WORD	temp: absolute cluster number being accessed
29Eh	DWORD	directory sector number
2A2h	WORD	directory cluster number
2A4h	DWORD	current relative sector number within file
2A8h	DWORD	current sector number (number of previously written sectors)
2ACh	WORD	current byte offset within sector
2AEh	DWORD	current offset in file
2B2h	WORD	number of bytes in first sector
2B4h	WORD	bytes in partial last sector
2B6h	WORD	number of whole sectors
2B8h	WORD	free file cluster entry
2BAh	WORD	last file cluster entry
2BCh	WORD	next file cluster number
2BEh	DWORD	number of bytes appended to file
2C2h	DWORD	pointer to current work disk buffer
2C6h	DWORD	pointer to working SFT
2CAh	WORD	used by INT 21 dispatcher to store caller's BX
2CCh	WORD	used by INT 21 dispatcher to store caller's DS
2CEh	WORD	temporary storage while saving/restoring caller's registers
2D0h	DWORD	pointer to prev call frame (offset 264h) if INT 21 reentered also switched to for duration of INT 24
2D4h	WORD	open mode/action for INT 21/AX=6C00h
2D6h	BYTE	extended open conditional flag set to 00h by INT 21h dispatcher, 02h when a read is

performed, and 01h or 03h by INT 21/AX=6C00h

2D7h WORD extended open I/O mode

2D9h DWORD stored ES:DI for AX=6C00h

2DDh WORD extended file open action code (see #01770 at AX=6C00h)

2DFh WORD extended file open attributes (see #01769 at AX=6C00h)

2E1h WORD extended file open file mode (see AX=6C00h)

2E3h DWORD pointer to filename to open (see AX=6C00h)

2E7h WORD high word of 32-bit sector number, or temp data buffer size from disk buffer

2E9h WORD "sda_OffsetMagicPatch"

2EBh BYTE disk full on >32M partition when set to 01h

2ECh WORD stores DS during call to [List-of-Lists + 37h]

2EEh WORD temporary storage (various uses)

2F0h BYTE storage for drive error

2F1h WORD DOS 3.4 (European MS-DOS 4.00) bit flags

2F3h DWORD pointer to user-supplied filename

2F7h DWORD pointer to user-supplied rename destination filename

2FBh WORD stores SS during call to [List-of-Lists + 37h] and INT 25,26

2FDh WORD stores SP during call to [List-of-Lists + 37h] and INT 25,26

2FFh BYTE flag, nonzero if stack switched in calling [List-of-Lists+37h]

300h 21 BYTES FindFirst search data for source file(s) of a rename operation (see #01626 at AH=4Eh)

315h 32 BYTES directory entry for file being renamed (see #01352 at AH=11h)

335h 331 BYTES critical error stack

480h 384 BYTES disk stack (functions greater than 0Ch, INT 25,INT 26)

600h 384 BYTES character I/O stack (functions 01h through 0Ch)

780h BYTE device driver lookahead flag (usually printer) (see AH=64h"DOS 3.2+")

781h BYTE volume change flag

782h BYTE flag: virtual file open

783h BYTE fastseek drive

784h WORD fastseek first cluster number

786h WORD fastseek logical cluster number

788h WORD fastseek returned logical cluster number

78Ah WORD temporary location of DOS@SYSINIT

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78Ch 47 BYTES ???

7BBh BYTE flag: absolute disk read/write type
00h = INT 25/INT 26
01h = INT 21/AX=7305h

7BCh WORD high word of directory cluster number at offset 2A2h

7BEh WORD high word of cluster number at offset 29Ch

7C0h WORD high word of next file cluster number at offset 2BCh

7C2h WORD high word of last relative cluster number at offset 29Ah

7C4h WORD high word of temp at offset 276h

7C6h WORD high word of offset 244h

7C8h WORD high word of EBX

7CAh WORD high word of EDX used by "PACK"

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7CCh WORD high word of EDI used by "UNPACK"
7CEh WORD high word of EBX used by "SETDIRSRCH"
7D0h WORD high word of ECX used by "FREECLUSTER"
7D2h WORD high word of EDI used by "GETEOF"
7D4h 3 WORDs ???

Note: the only fields which remain valid BETWEEN calls to INT 21h are those
in the initial "swap-always" portion of the SDA

SeeAlso: #01687,#01689

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INT 21 - DOS 3.1+ network - GET MACHINE NAME

AX = 5E00h

DS:DX -> 16-byte buffer for ASCII machine name

Return: CF clear if successful

CH = validity

00h name invalid

nonzero valid

CL = NetBIOS number for machine name

DS:DX buffer filled with blank-paded name

CF set on error

AX = error code (01h) (see #01680 at AH=59h)

Note: supported by OS/2 v1.3+ compatibility box, PC-NFS

SeeAlso: AX=5E01h

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INT 21 - Windows95 - LONG FILENAME FUNCTIONS

AH = 71h

AL = function

0Dh reset drive (see AX=710Dh)

39h create directory (see AX=7139h)

3Ah remove directory (see AX=713Ah)

3Bh set current directory (see AX=713Bh)

41h delete file (see AX=7141h)

43h get/set file attributes (see AX=7143h)

47h get current directory (see AX=7147h)

4Eh find first file (see AX=714Eh)

4Fh find next file (see AX=714Fh)

56h move (rename) file (see AX=7156h)

60h truename (see AX=7160h/CL=00h,AX=7160h/CL=02h)

6Ch create/open file (see AX=716Ch)

A0h get volume information (see AX=71A0h)

A1h terminate FindFirst/FindNext (see AX=71A1h)

A6h get file information (see AX=71A6h)

A7h time conversion (see AX=71A7h/BL=00h,AX=71A7h/BL=01h)

A8h generate short filename (see AX=71A8h)

A9h server create/open file (see AX=71A9h)

AAh create/terminate SUBST (see AX=71AAh/BH=00h,AX=71AAh/BH=02h)

Return: CF set on error

AX = error code (see #01680)

7100h if function not supported

CF clear if successful

other registers as for corresponding "old" DOS function

Notes: if error 7100h is returned, the old-style function should be called
 AX=714Eh returns a "search handle" which must be passed to AX=714Fh;
 when the search is complete, AX=71A1h must be called to terminate
 the search

for compatibility with DOS versions prior to v7.00, the carry flag
 should be set on call to ensure that it is set on exit

Caldera's DPMS-enabled LONGNAME.EXE BETA 1 extension for DR-DOS 7
 supports the following sub-set of LFN functions: 39h, 3Ah, 3Bh, 41h,
 43h (BL = 0, 1 only), 47h, 4Eh, 4Fh, 56h, 60h (CL = 0, 1, 2), 6Ch,
 A0h, A1h, A8h. BETA 2 fixes LFN directory entry checksums, which
 were causing wrong LFNs to be attached to a file. The 8.3 short
 names for filenames with exactly 8 chars are no longer abbreviated
 (e.g. LONGNAME.TXT -> LONGNAME.TXT, not LONGNA~1.TXT). BETA 3 has
 A7h (BL=0, 1) functions added, and 4Eh/4Fh can return file times
 in both DOS and 64 bit formats, BETA 4 has support added for
 Caldera's DRFAT32 redirector extension (see INT 2F/AX=15xxh).

Caldera's DR-OpenDOS 7.02+ COMMAND.COM utilizes the LFN API as soon
 as it detects it (mind, that LONGNAME.EXE can be dynamically loaded
 and unloaded at runtime). This COMMAND.COM shell also works under
 MS-DOS/PC DOS and in DOS boxes of Windows9x, NT, 2000, and OS/2.
 For 4DOS 6.02+ to work with 3rd party LFN providers, the Win95LFN=Yes
 directive should be inserted into the 4DOS.INI file.

Mike Podanoffsky's RxDOS 7.2 provides most of this API natively,
 including functions 39h, 3Ah, 3Bh, 41h, 43h (BL = ???), 47h, 4Bh,
 4Eh, 4Fh, 56h, 60h (CL = 0, 1, 2, no CH), 6Ch, A0h, A1h and A7h.
 However, not all sub-functions seem to be supported yet.

SeeAlso: AH=39h,AH=3Ah,AH=3Bh,AH=41h,AX=4300h,AX=4301h,AX=4304h,AX=4306h

SeeAlso: AX=4307h,AH=47h,AH=4Eh,AH=4Fh,AH=56h,AH=6Ch,AX=714Eh,AX=714Fh

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INT 21 O - Novell NetWare - MESSAGE SERVICES - SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE

AH = E1h subfn 04h

DS:SI -> request buffer (see #01826)

ES:DI -> reply buffer (see #01827)

Return: AL = status

00h successful

FEh I/O error or out of dynamic workspace

Notes: this function is supported by NetWare 4.0+ and Advanced NetWare 1.0-2.x
 message pipes use CPU time on the file server; IPX, SPX, or NetBIOS
 connections should be used for peer-to-peer communications as these
 protocols do not use file server time

SeeAlso: AH=E1h/SF=00h,AH=E1h/SF=05h,AH=E1h/SF=06h,AH=E1h/SF=08h

Format of NetWare "Send Personal Message" request buffer:

Offset Size Description (Table 01826)

00h WORD length of following data (max E5h)

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02h BYTE 04h (subfunction "Send Personal Message")
03h BYTE number of connections (01h-64h)
04h N BYTES list of connections to receive broadcast message
 BYTE length of message (01h-7Eh)
 N BYTES message (no control characters or characters > 7Eh)

SeeAlso: #01827

Format of NetWare "Send Personal Message" reply buffer:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 01827)
00h	WORD	(call) size of following results buffer (max 65h)	
02h	BYTE	number of connections	
03h	N BYTES	list of per-connection results	
		00h successful	
		FCh message rejected because queue is full (contains 6 msgs)	
		FDh incomplete pipe	
		FFh failed	

SeeAlso: #01826

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INT 21 O - Novell NetWare - MESSAGE SERVICES - GET PERSONAL MESSAGE
AH = E1h subfn 05h
DS:SI -> request buffer (see #01828)
ES:DI -> reply buffer (see #01829)

Return: AL = status

00h successful
FEh out of dynamic workspace

Desc: return the oldest message in the default file server's message queue
for the calling workstation

Note: this function is supported by NetWare 4.0+ and Advanced NetWare 1.0-2.x

SeeAlso: AH=E1h/SF=01h,AH=E1h/SF=04h,AH=E1h/SF=06h,AH=E1h/SF=08h

Format of NetWare "Get Personal Message" request buffer:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 01828)
00h	WORD	0001h (length of following data)	
02h	BYTE	05h (subfunction "Get Personal Message")	

SeeAlso: #01829

Format of NetWare "Get Personal Message" reply buffer:

Offset	Size	Description	(Table 01829)
00h	WORD	(call) size of following results buffer (max 80h)	
02h	BYTE	connection number of sending station	
03h	BYTE	length of message (00h-7Eh)	
		00h if no personal messages pending	
04h	N BYTES	message (no control characters or characters > 7Eh)	

SeeAlso: #01828

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INT 23 - DOS 1+ - CONTROL-C/CONTROL-BREAK HANDLER

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Return: AH = 00h abort program