



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

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Int 21H, AH=3CH

Version

2 and higher

Brief

“CREAT” - CREATE OR TRUNCATE FILE

Family API

Input

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AH = 3Ch  
CX = file attributes (see #01401)  
DS:DX -> ASCIZ filename
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Return

CF clear if successful

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AX = file handle  
CF set on error  
AX = error code (03h,04h,05h) (see #01680 at AH=59h/BX=0000h)
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Notes

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if a file with the given name exists, it is truncated to zero length  
under the FlashTek X-32 DOS extender, the pointer is in DS:EDX  
DR DOS checks the system password or explicitly supplied password at  
the end of the filename against the reserved field in the directory
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entry before allowing access

Bitfields for file attributes: Bit(s) Description (Table 01401)

0	read-only
1	hidden
2	system
3	volume label (ignored)
4	reserved, must be zero (directory)
5	archive bit
7	if set, file is shareable under Novell NetWare

See also

AH=16h,AH=3Dh,AH=5Ah,AH=5Bh,AH=93h,INT 2F/AX=1117h

Note

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

DOS API	
Process manager	INT 20H , INT 21H : 00H , 25H , 26H , 31H , 34H , 35H , 4BH , 4CH , 4DH , 50H , 51H , 52H , 55H , 62H , INT 22H , INT 27H , INT 28H
File manager	INT 25H , INT 26H , INT 21H : 0DH , 0EH , 0FH , 10H , 11H , 12H , 13H , 14H , 15H , 16H , 17H , 19H , 1AH , 1BH , 1CH , 21H , 22H , 23H , 24H , 27H , 28H , 29H , 2EH , 2FH , 32H , 3305H , 36H , 39H , 3AH , 3BH , 3CH , 3DH , 3EH , 3FH , 40H , 41H , 42H , 4300H , 4301H , 45H , 45H , 46H , 4EH , 4FH , 54H , 56H , 5700H , 5701H , 5AH , 5BH , 5c00H , 5c01H , 60H , 67H , 68H , 6900H , 6901H , 6AH , 6CH
Character Device I/O	INT 29H , INT 21H : 01H , 02H , 03H , 04H , 05H , 06H , 07H , 08H , 09H , 0AH , 0BH , 0AH , 0CH , 5D07H , 5D08H , 5D09H , 5D0AH
Signals	INT 23H , INT 24H , INT 21H : 3300H , 3301H , 3302H
Memory manager	INT 21H : 48H , 49H , 4AH , 5800H , 5801H , 5802H , 5803H
Date and Time	INT 21H : 2AH , 2BH , 2CH , 2DH
Misc	INT 21H : 30H , 3306H , 3700H , 3701H , 3702H , 3703H , 59H
NLS	INT 21H : 3303H , 3304H , 3800H , 3801H , 6300H , 6301H , 6301H , 6500H , 6501H , 6502H , 6503H , 6504H , 6505H , 6506H , 6507H , 6520H , 6521H , 6522H , 6523H , 65A0H , 65A1H , 65A2H , 6601H , 6602H
Devices	INT 21H : 4400H , 4401H , 4402H , 4403H , 4404H , 4405H , 4406H , 4407H , 4408H , 4409H , 440AH , 440BH , 440CH , 440DH , 440EH , 440FH , 4410H , 4411H , 53H
Network	INT 21H : 5E00H , 5E01H , 5E02H , 5E03H , 5E04H , 5E05H , 5F00H , 5F01H , 5F02H , 5F03H , 5F04H , 5F05H , 5F07H , 5F08H
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Video I/O	@SetMode @SetCurSz @SetCurPos @GetCur @SetPage @ScrollUp @ScrollDn @Scroll @GetChAtr @PutChAtr @PutCh @SetPalet @SetColor @SetDot @GetDot @WrtTTY @VideoState @GetMode @GetDisplay @GetVideoState @GetEGAInfo @CIs

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Hardware info	@Equipment @MemSize
Serial I/O	@AuxInit @AuxSendChar @AuxRecieveChar @AuxStatus
Tape I/O	@TapeOn @TapeOff @TapeRead @TapeWrite
Keyboard I/O	@KbdStatus @CharIn @CharPeek
Printer I/O	@PrnPrint @PrnInit @PrnStatus
Disk I/O	@DskReset @DskStatus @DskRead @DskWrite @DskVerify @DskFormat
Date and Time	@SetTime @GetTime
Mouse	@MouInit @MouShowPointer @MouStatus @MouSetPos @MouSetMickey @MouRegion
Memory manager	@ModBlok SET_BLOCK

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Family API

DOS	Process Manager	DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm
	File Manager	DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmdir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo DosShutdown
	Memory Manager	DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias
	NLS	DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage
	Date and Time	DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime
	Devices	DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2
	Signals	DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler
	Misc	BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass DosSetVec
KBD		KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek
VIO		VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp
Tools		BIND
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