



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

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# Int 21H, AH=5cH, AL=00H

## Version

3 and higher

## Brief

lock region of file

## Family API

## Input

```
AH = 5Ch
AL = 00h lock region of file
BX = file handle
CX:DX = start offset of region within file
SI:DI = length of region in bytes
```

## Return

```
CF clear if successful
CF set on error
    AX = error code (01h,06h,21h,24h) (see #01680)
```

## Macro

## Notes

error returned unless SHARE or network installed

an unlock call must specify the same region as some prior lock call

locked regions become entirely inaccessible to other processes

duplicate handles created with AH=45h or AH=46h inherit locks, but handles inherited by child processes (see AH=4Bh) do not

under DR DOS 3.41 and 5.0, if a process opens a file without the no-inherit flag and then starts a child, any locks set by the parent are ignored, and the child will only get an error if it tries to lock an area previously locked by the parent process. Under Novell DOS 7, this function is fully supported as in MS-DOS.

See also

AX=440Bh,INT 2F/AX=110Ah,INT 2F/AX=110Bh

Note

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

| DOS API              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Process manager      | INT 20H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 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, <b>INT 21H</b> : 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, <b>INT 21H</b> : 01H, 02H, 03H, 04H, 05H, 06H, 07H, 08H, 09H, 0AH, 0BH, 0AH, 0CH, 5D07H, 5D08H, 5D09H, 5D0AH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Signals              | INT 23H, INT 24H, <b>INT 21H</b> : 3300H, 3301H, 3302H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Memory manager       | <b>INT 21H</b> : 48H, 49H, 4AH, 5800H, 5801H, 5802H, 5803H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Date and Time        | <b>INT 21H</b> : 2AH, 2BH, 2CH, 2DH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Misc                 | <b>INT 21H</b> : 30H, 3306H, 3700H, 3701H, 3702H, 3703H, 59H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| NLS                  | <b>INT 21H</b> : 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              | <b>INT 21H</b> : 4400H, 4401H, 4402H, 4403H, 4404H, 4405H, 4406H, 4407H, 4408H, 4409H, 440AH, 440BH, 440CH, 440DH, 440EH, 440FH, 4410H, 4411H, 53H                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Network              | <b>INT 21H</b> : 5E00H, 5E01H, 5E02H, 5E03H, 5E04H, 5E05H, 5F00H, 5F01H, 5F02H, 5F03H, 5F04H, 5F05H, 5F07H, 5F08H                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Video I/O            | @SetMode @SetCurSz @SetCurPos @GetCur @SetPage @ScrollUp @ScrollDn @Scroll @GetChAtr @PutChAtr @PutCh @SetPalet @SetColor @SetDot @GetDot @WrtTTY @VideoState @GetMode @GetDisplay @GetVideoState @GetEGAInfo @Cls                                                                                                                                         |
| Hardware info        | @Equipment @MemSize                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 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<br>@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<br>DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead<br>DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmdir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose<br>DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks<br>DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo<br>DosShutdown |
|           | Memory Manager  | DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg<br>DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|           | NLS             | DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate<br>DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|           | Date and Time   | DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|           | Devices         | DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|           | Signals         | DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|           | Misc            | BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass<br>DosSetVec                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| KBD       |                 | KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| VIO       |                 | VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf<br>VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt<br>VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf<br>VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell<br>VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp                                           |
| Tools     |                 | BIND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Modules   |                 | DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALLS.DLL KBDCALLS.DLL MSG.DLL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Libraries |                 | API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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