



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

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

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DosClose

This call closes a handle to a file, pipe, or device.

Syntax

```
DosClose (FileHandle)
```

Parameters

- FileHandle ([HFILE](#)) - input : Handle returned by a previous [DosOpen](#), [DosMakeNmPipe](#), or [DosMakePipe](#) call.

Return Code

rc ([USHORT](#)) - return

Return code descriptions are:

- 0 NO_ERROR
- 2 ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND
- 5 ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED
- 6 ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE

Remarks

Issuing DosClose with the handle to a file closes a handle to a file, pipe, or device.

If one or more additional handles to a file have been created with [DosDupHandle](#), the directory is not updated and all internal buffers are not written to the medium until DosClose has been issued for the duplicated handles.

Closing a handle to a device causes the device to be notified of the close, if appropriate.

Named Pipe Considerations

DosClose closes a named pipe by handle. When all handles referencing one end of a pipe are closed, the pipe is considered broken.

If the client end closes, no other process can re-open the pipe until the serving end issues a [DosDisconnectNmPipe](#) followed by a [DosConnectNmPipe](#).

If the server end closes when the pipe is already broken, it is deallocated immediately; otherwise, the pipe is not deallocated until the last client handle is closed.

Example Code

C Binding

```
#define INCL_DOSFILEMGR

USHORT rc = DosClose(FileHandle);

HFILE      FileHandle;    /* File handle */
USHORT     rc;            /* return code */
```

This example opens a file, then closes it.

```
#define INCL_DOSFILEMGR

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

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

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

```

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

MASM Binding

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PUSH WORD FileHandle ;File handle
CALL DosClose
    
```

Returns WORD

Note

Text based on [http://www.edm2.com/index.php/DosClose_\(FAP\)](http://www.edm2.com/index.php/DosClose_(FAP))

| 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 |
| | 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 DosDevIOct1 DosDevIOct2 |
| | Signals | DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler |
| | Misc | BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass DosSetVec |
| KBD | KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek | |

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| 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 |
| Modules | DOSCALLS.DLL VIOCALLS.DLL KBDCALLS.DLL MSG.DLL |
| Libraries | API.LIB OS2386.LIB FAPI.LIB DOSCALLS.LIB SUBCALLS.LIB |

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