



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

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# Int 21H, AH=43H, AL=00H

## Version

2 and higher

## Brief

GET FILE ATTRIBUTES

## Family API

[DosQFileMode](#)

## Input

- AX = 4300h
- DS:DX → ASCIZ filename

## Return

- CF clear if successful
  - CX = file attributes (see #01420)
  - AX = CX (DR DOS 5.0)
- CF set on error
  - AX = error code (01h,02h,03h,05h) (see #01680 at AH=59h)

## Macro

## Notes

Bitfields for file attributes:

Bit(s)	Description
7	unused
6	unused
5	archive
4	directory
3	volume label
2	system
1	hidden
0	read-only

under DR DOS 3.41 and 5.0, attempts to change the subdirectory bit are simply ignored without an error

BUG: Windows for Workgroups returns error code 05h (access denied) instead of error code 02h (file not found) when attempting to get the attributes of a nonexistent file. This causes open() with O\_CREAT and fopen() with the "w" mode to fail in Borland C++.

## See also

[AX=4301h](#), [AX=7143h](#)

## Note

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

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File manager	<a href="#">INT 25H</a> , <a href="#">INT 26H</a> , <a href="#">INT 21H</a> : <a href="#">0DH</a> , <a href="#">0EH</a> , <a href="#">0FH</a> , <a href="#">10H</a> , <a href="#">11H</a> , <a href="#">12H</a> , <a href="#">13H</a> , <a href="#">14H</a> , <a href="#">15H</a> , <a href="#">16H</a> , <a href="#">17H</a> , <a href="#">19H</a> , <a href="#">1AH</a> , <a href="#">1BH</a> , <a href="#">1CH</a> , <a href="#">21H</a> , <a href="#">22H</a> , <a href="#">23H</a> , <a href="#">24H</a> , <a href="#">27H</a> , <a href="#">28H</a> , <a href="#">29H</a> , <a href="#">2EH</a> , <a href="#">2FH</a> , <a href="#">32H</a> , <a href="#">3305H</a> , <a href="#">36H</a> , <a href="#">39H</a> , <a href="#">3AH</a> , <a href="#">3BH</a> , <a href="#">3CH</a> , <a href="#">3DH</a> , <a href="#">3EH</a> , <a href="#">3FH</a> , <a href="#">40H</a> , <a href="#">41H</a> , <a href="#">42H</a> , <a href="#">4300H</a> , <a href="#">4301H</a> , <a href="#">45H</a> , <a href="#">45H</a> , <a href="#">46H</a> , <a href="#">4EH</a> , <a href="#">4FH</a> , <a href="#">54H</a> , <a href="#">56H</a> , <a href="#">5700H</a> , <a href="#">5701H</a> , <a href="#">5AH</a> , <a href="#">5BH</a> , <a href="#">5c00H</a> , <a href="#">5c01H</a> , <a href="#">60H</a> , <a href="#">67H</a> , <a href="#">68H</a> , <a href="#">6900H</a> , <a href="#">6901H</a> , <a href="#">6AH</a> , <a href="#">6CH</a>
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