

MAKING BIOS CALLS

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DMS BIOS CALLS

DMS has implemented interrupt 78 as a COMMON BIOS entry point. The user stuffs the registers required by the specific BIOS call, moves the COMMON BIOS function number to the AH register and then issues an INT 78. THIS METHOD MAY ALSO BE USED BY CP/M-86 PROGRAMS, HOWEVER THE 'COMMON' FUNCTION NUMBER (NOT THE CP/M-86 FUNCTION NUMBER) MUST BE USED.

The SI, BP and DS registers are saved. All others (including the flags) may be modified by the bios. The stack is manipulated to insure the flags, as modified by the BIOS, are returned to the user.

CP/M-86 and MS-DOS

To keep a semblance of compatibility the parameter block passed by the application is the same for CP/M-86 and MS-DOS. It is 5 bytes in length and contains:

BYTE	
0	BIOS function Number
1-2	value to be loaded into CX
3-4	value to be loaded into DX

If the function requires more data than can be passed in CX and DX DX:DX will be the segment:offset of a parameter block tailored for the function being called. For example - the parameter block used by SNDNET and RCVNET is:

BYTE	
0	User number
1-2	offset of data to send/receive
3-4	segment of data to send/receive
5-6	length of data to send/receive

The next two pages show the currently implemented BIOS calls available in all three operating systems. The Z80 and the Z816 share the same function numbers, however they may not always expect the same parameters or work exactly the same way. See the section on the particular function desired for specifics. CP/M-86 uses the function numbers in the CPM-86 column when making BIOS calls via the BDOS (function 50). If using INT 78 the function numbers in the COMMON column should be used. MS-DOS uses the function numbers from the COMMON column for both the DMSBIOS\$ and the INT 78 methods of accessing the BIOS. THE INT 78 METHOD IS PREFERRED.

BIOS Function Numbers

BIOS Function	CPM-80 function #	CPM-86 (bdos 50) function #	COMMON (int 78) function #
Cold Boot	-1	-1	-
Warm Boot	0	0	-
Console Status	1	1	0
Console Flush	-	-	1
Console Input	2	2	2
Console Output	3	3	3
List Output	4	4	5
Punch Output	5	5	-
Reader Input	6	6	-
Aux Status	-	-	6
Aux Flush	-	-	7
Aux Input	-	-	8
Aux Output	-	-	9
HOME disk	7	7	-
Select disk	8	8	-
Set Track	9	9	-
Set Record	10	10	-
Set DMA offset	11	11	-
Read Record	12	12	10
Write Record	13	13	11
List Status	14	14	4
Get Memory size	-	-	12
Media Same	-	-	13
Spool Flush	-	-	14
Set I/O pointer	-	-	15
Clear Locks	-	-	16
Aux Status 1	-	-	17
Record Translation	15	15	-
Set DMA segment	-	16	-
Get Segment Table	-	17	-
Get I/O byte	-	18	19
SET I/O byte	-	19	20

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BIOS Function	CPM-80 function #	CPM-86 (bdos 50) function #	COMMON (int 78) function #
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Get Error Count	-	25	25
Set/reset Retry flag	-	26	26
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DIRNET request	-	28	28
Flush Flop Buff	30	-	-
Net Lock	31	29	29
CP/M MAP	32	-	-
Net Unlock	33	30	30
Set I/O byte count	34	-	-
Version (location of version)	35	-	-
SENDNET/sndnet	36	37	37 ←
RECNET/rcvnet	37	38	38
NACKPOLL/clrpol	38	36	36 ←
ACKPOLL/setpol	39	35	35 ←
'USER" port output	40	-	-
Set poll prime address	41	32	32
Set Receive timeout	42	-	-
Local Hard Disk Status	43	-	-
Net Hard Disk status	44	33	33
Set Network Mode	45	31	31
Set List Type	46	-	-
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Now to call the gut function we do this:
(assuming DS already has value DATASEG in it)
mov dx,offset BDOScall ; buffer with call to bios
mov cx,50 ; bios call function
int 0E0h ; call bdos

B. USING INTERRUPTS TO CALL GUT BIOS FUNCTIONS:

For all functions except video functions:

Put function number in AH.

Load all registers as Function you are calling expects them.

call interrupt 78.

With the example above:

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mov ah,33
mov cx,offset HDBUFFER
mov dx,ds
int 78
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816 Video functions will be called directly through interrupt 79 when it is implemented, possibly release 7.

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0. CONSTATUS - get status of console input.

ON ENTRY: nothing

ON EXIT: If there is a char the zero flag is reset and char is in AX. Otherwise zero flag is set, 0 in AL.

1. CONFLUSH - empty the keyboard type ahead buffer and input port. This routine keeps getting chars and throwing them away till there ain't no more.

2. CONINPUT - Get character from console.

ON EXIT: AX hold char. Routine does not return until it has a char.

3. CONOUTPUT - Outputs a character to the console.

ON ENTRY: Char is in AL.

ON EXIT: nothing.

4. PRNSTATUS - check printer status.

ON EXIT:

For all devices except spooler:

Zero flag reset if printer is ready to fly.

For Spooler: If a failed attempt was made to print a char since the last job end, the status is bad, and every time status is called another attempt is made to open a spool block. Status is based on the results of this attempt.

If ready: zero flag reset, al has FF

If not ready: zro flag set, al has 0

5. PRNOUTPUT - output a char to the list device.

ON ENTRY: char is in AL.

ON EXIT:

IF SPOOLER

char is in AL

success - zero flag reset.

failure - zero flag set.

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6. AUXSTATUS - get status from the auxilliary output device.

ON EXIT: AL contains status from Read Reg 0 of SIO Zero flag is reset if device is ready to transmit.
7. AUXFLUSH - empty the auxilliary buffer, if any.
 NOT IMPLEMENTED.
8. AUXINPUT, - get char from auxilliary device.

ON EXIT: char is in AL.
9. AUXOUTPUT - write char to AUX device

ON ENTRY: char is in AL.
ON EXIT: nothing
10. DISKREAD - read from disk.

ON ENTRY: al - logical drive number
 es - buffer segment
 di - buffer offset
 dx - sector
 bx - track
 cx - number of 128b sectors to read

ON EXIT: Info is read into the buffer at es:di. If success zero flag is reset Else zero is set and cl has number of sectors successfully read.
11. DISKWRITE - parameters identical to disk read. (see above)
12. GETMEMSIZE - returns the physical size of memory.

ON EXIT: cx has memory size in (16 byte) paragraphs.
13. MEDIASAME - return the current value of the media change flag, and reset the media chagne flag to true. Used by MSDOS only, to see if it needs to re-read a directory before doing some file IO. Media change flag is set true whenever there is an assign to make MSDOS keep up with the latest.
14. SPOOLFLUSH - Ends a spool job if one is active.

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15. SETIOPTR - relocates the iobyte to the address asked for.
- ON ENTRY: cx has offset of address.
 dx has segment of address.
 If addr is 0:0 it means reset to default IOBYTE address.
- ON EXIT: moves the current IOBYTE to this address, and thereafter accesses that address when it needs IOBYTE.
16. CLRLOCK - sends byte to master that says clear all locks for our user number.
- ON ENTRY: nothing
 ON EXIT: AX is 0, zero flag set.
17. AUXSTATUS1 - Get status of aux device from SIO read reg 1. This call is needed only by the rombios.
19. GETIOBF - Get the iobyte.
- ON EXIT: al has the IOBYTE.
20. SETIOBF - Set the iobyte.
- ON ENTRY: value to set IOBYTE is in cl.
21. MAKASS - This poor bastard attempts to assign a partition to a logical drive number. The only valid drive types are HiNet and memory disk. (IMPORTANT: Memory disk is only valid on CPM 86 since MSDOS does not allow bios manipulation of the memory allocation table. An attempt to assign a memory disk while running under MSDOS will result in a crashola.)

The format of the assign request buffer is:

byte 0	-	logical drive number	(set by caller)
1-8	-	partition name	(set by caller)
9	-	partition size	
10	-	partition number	
11	-	control byte	(caller sets OS type)
12	-	volume number	
13	-	drive type	(set by caller)
14	-	write status	
15-20	-	password	(set by caller)

OS type set by caller in control byte: Low bit determines OS

CPM80, HIDOS, & CPM86	- 0
MSDOS	- 1

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The possible drive type values are listed here. Only the first two are currently valid for the 86 station. The rest are set found in use with Z80 stations:

Network Partition	-	60h
Memory Disk	-	E0h
8 inch Hard Disk	-	40h
5 inch Hard Disk	-	C0h
mini-floppy(one side)	-	80h
mini-floppy(one side)	-	A0h
8" floppy (single dn)	-	20h
8" floppy (double dn)	-	00h

ON ENTRY: cx has offset of request buffer
 dx has segment of request buffer

ON EXIT:

IF SUCCESS

AL = 0 and all bytes in buffer not set by caller are filled in by bios. Note that the write status field is set on the basis of the control byte, so if its an ownable partition it is marked as unowned. No query about its present status is made by this module.

IF FAIL

AL = 1 assignment invalid.
AL = 2 invalid partition name or password
AL = 3 insufficient memory for memdisk.
AL = 4 mem disk already in use.
AL = 6 partition is not of requested OS type.

NOTE: even if an assign fails the ownership of the previously assigned partition on that logical drive is released.

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22. GETASS: Get information about the partition currently assigned to a logical drive.

Format of buffer:

byte 0	-	logical drive number (set by caller)
1-8	-	partition name
9	-	partition size
10	-	partition number
11	-	control byte
12	-	volume number
13	-	drive type
14	-	write status
15	-	unused
16	-	unused

ON ENTRY: DX:CX is addr of buffer.

ON EXIT:

IF SUCCESS

Buffer is filled out with all current info.

AL = 0

IF FAILURE

AL = 5 meaning drive number in request was illegal.

NOTE: A partition number of 0FFh means drive is unassigned.

ON PARTITION WRITE OWNERSHIP:

Whenever a network partition is assigned, the control byte is checked. If the c.b. indicates a write status of R/W, R/O or HiDos the write status is set to that value. Otherwise the write status is set to unknown. Whenever a memdisk is assigned its write status byte is set to read/write.

On OS initialization if any of user's default partition names have the high bit set on the first character, the OS attempts to gain ownership status for that drive through a network ownership request. If ownership is denied a message is given to user warning them that they cannot write to that drive.

Whenever a write is attempted, the write status of the drive is checked. If it is not equal to the user number or read/write status or shared (when running HIDOS) the user is informed that they can't write to that partition, and a failure is returned. CPM then warm boots while MSDOS will query what user wants. No matter what they say, they cannot write to the partition till they abort and do an explicit write ownership request through ASSIGN.

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Whenever an owned drive is re-assigned, ownership is automatically released by MAKASS. If the assign fails, the status of the drive remains un-owned unless the assigning application makes an new explicit ownership request.

24. SETERR - turns on an off display of error messages when there is a net error. Sets variable ERRFLG. Default setting is 0. ,

ON ENTRY: CL has value to load ERRFLG with.

0 - error messages off

~0 - error messages on

ON EXIT: ERRFLG is set.

25. GETERR - get the cumulative error count. This baby is incremented whenever there is some kind of net error. Variable is called ERRNUM.

ON ENTRY: nothing

ON EXIT: AX contains number of errors.

26. SETTRY - sets variable TRYFLG, which says whether to automatically retry when there is a net error. Default setting is 0FFh.

ON ENTRY: CL has value to set

0 - don't retry, ~0 - do retry.

ON EXIT: TRYFLG is set.

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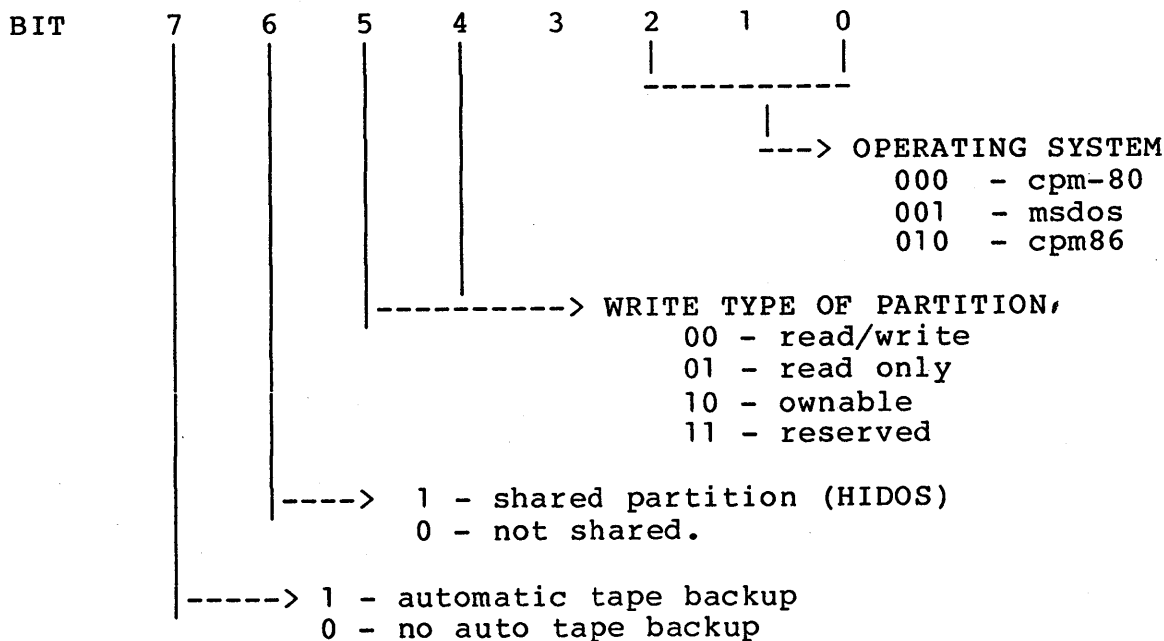
28. DIRNET - gets dirnet info from master (reads alloc table);

ON ENTRY: DX:CX has addr of table to fill out.
 ON EXIT: AL has 1 for failure, 0 for success.
 On success table is filled with information.

FORMAT of DIRNET INFORMATION: (same as alloc table)

- 1 byte - size (0 - end of table, 1 - 256k, 2 - 512K, 3 - 1MEG, 4 - 2MEG, 5 - 4MEG etc. up to 32MEG)
- 8 bytes - Partition name.
- 6 bytes - Partion password. !!!(don't document to public)!!!
- 1 bytes - Control byte.

FORMAT of CONTROL BYTE -



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29. LOCK - used for adding strings to masters lock table.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX has addr of lock string.
 ON EXIT: AH and AL tell status of request.

Format of lock string:

1 byte - length of string (max 13)
 13 byte - string. String should be blank padded if its less than 13 bytes.

Return status:

reg AL	reg AH	
00	00	- success
01	01h	- denied, owned by someone else
01	81h	- denied, already owned by you
01	83h	- denied, already owned by you, after a retry.
02	02h	- denied, illegal string length
02	82h	- denied, table full
02	03h	- denied, bad transmission (only appears when retry flag is unset).

NOTE: the retry information is given to warn user that the lock may have been successful but we missed the confirmation because of network noise. Then we tried again, but since we have just locked the string it says its locked. It is impossible to tell if it was locked previously, or we successfully locked it this time.

30. UNLOCK - release a locked string in masters lock table.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX has addr of string to release. Format is the same as in LOCK (above).

ON EXIT: AX has status of request, as follows:

reg AL	reg AH	
00	00	- success
01	01h	- denied, locked by someone else
02	02h	- denied, illegal string length
02	82h	- denied, string not found in table
02	83h	- denied, string not found in table after a retry.
02	03h	- denied, bad transmission (only appears when retry flag is unset).

NOTE: Here, as in lock, a garbled response from the master can lead to a retry, and then a spurious deny. This flag warns the user so they can use their best judgement as to how to interpret this.

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31. COERCE - changes NETPAR to 0FFh, causing a flush of disk buffers on the next read or write.

ON ENTRY: nothing
 ON EXIT: NETPAR is 0FFh.

32. SETPPA - Sets pointers in BIOS to users poll prime command.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX address of users command block.
 If dx = 0 pointers are reset to warm boot values.
 ON EXIT: es:bx has address of old command block.

Format of Poll Prime Command Block is:

- 1 byte - Status byte
 - 00h - station naks poll primes.
 - 01h - station will ack poll primes.
 - 11h - station will ack poll primes and then pass control to user routine addressed in this block. User routine returns in AL this routines response to the poller.
 - 02h (internal) -
- 2 bytes - reserved
- 129 bytes - Poll Prime Data
- 2 bytes - offset of user routine
- 2 bytes - segment of user routine

33. HDSTAT - gets the hdstat info from the master.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX is address of table to load.
 ON EXIT: AL has 0 for success, 1 for failure.
 IF success the table is filled with HDSTAT info.

HDSTAT info format:

- 1 byte - 18h (echoes command for info)
- 1 byte - ROM version.
- 1 byte - ROM revision.
- 1 byte - firmware version number.
- 1 byte - firmware revision number.
- 2 bytes - unused
- 1 byte - status.
 - 0 - disk present, info OK
 - ~0 - no disk or other error, rest of information invalid.
- 4 32 byte volume entries.

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36. CLRPOL - disables NMI and waits for a network poll. If no poll comes for 10 miliseconds it calls setpol, which enables NMI and polls keyboard. We start again, looping till approximately 5 second have passed. We then display waiting message and return a failure to user. We will have performed a setpol in this case. If an invalid interrupt is recieved setpol is not called.

ON ENTRY: nothing.

ON EXIT: IF success - carry flag is reset if we have just recieved a poll and not acked.

NMI is disabled.

Automatic acking is disabled.

IF failure - carry flag is set.

no poll was recieved.

AL contains RECSTAT.

NMI may or may not be enabled.

We may or may not be in auto ack mode.

Bit Format of RECSTAT: (7 is high bit)

7 - reset if timeout.

6 - set on CRC error.

5 - set if overrun.

4 - undefined.

3 - set if underrun.

2 - ~~set on error~~ *NO*

1 - undefined. *error bit on*

0 - reset on error.

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37. SNDNET - send data to the master. Can only send after a successful clrpoll, so master is waitnig to hear from us. We must do the send imeediately after the clrpoll. If we dick around too long the master will timeout waiting for us and move on to the next guy.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX points to send command buffer.

ON EXIT: AX = 0, carry flag reset.

NOTE: this routine assumes the send was successful, as it had no way to tell.

Format of send buffer:

- 1 byte - network user number.
- 2 bytes - offset of data buffer to send.
- 2 bytes - segment of data buffer to send.
- 2 bytes - length of data buffer to send.

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38. RCVNET - receive data from the net. This is generally used after a CLRPOL and a SNDNET have made a request from the master.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX points to RECEIVE request buffer.
ON EXIT: IF success - carry flag is reset.
IF failure - carry flag set.
AL has RECSTAT.

For format of RECSTAT see CLRPOL (above).

Format of Receive command buffer:

- 1 byte - network user number.
- 2 bytes - offset of data buffer to receive.
- 2 bytes - segment of data buffer to receive.
- 2 bytes - length of data buffer to receive.

39. VIDEO (816 ONLY) - this call services all your video output needs. Entries and exits are determined by the function called.

FUNCTIONS are based on value of AH

- 0 - Set mode - only valid mode B&W 80 x 25
- 1 - Set cursor type.
- 2 - Set cursor pos
- 3 - Read cursor position
- 4 - Read Light Pen Position (not implemented)
- 5 - Select Active Page (not implemented)
- 6 - Scroll active page up
- 7 - Scroll active page down
- 8 - Read char/attribute
- 9 - Write char/attribute
- 10 - Write char only
- 11 - Set color palette (not implemented)
- 12 - write dot (not implemented)
- 13 - read dot (not implemented)
- 14 - write char in tty mode
- 15 - return video status

VIDEO - SET MODE initializes video controller.

ON ENTRY: AH - 0

ON EXIT: screen is blank. Cursor is a 0,0.

VIDEO - SET CURSOR DISPLAY

Sets cursor display type, top and bottom cell line to display or cursor

On Entry: AH - 1

CH - start line

CL - end line

ON EXIT: nothing

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VIDEO - SET CURSOR POSITION

On entry: AH - 2

DX - row,col of cursor

ON EXIT: cursor is moved to new position.

VIDEO - GET CURSOR POSITION t cursor postion

On entry: AH - 3

On exit : DX - row and col of cursor.

CX - cursor mode.

VIDEO - SCROLL UP SCREEN

Scrolls the defined window the define number of lines.

On entry: AH - 6

AL - numbers of rows to scroll (0 for
blank the area)

CX - row/col of upper left corner

DX - row col of lower right corner

BH - attribute of blanked lines

VIDEO - SCROLL UP DOWN

Scrolls the defined window the define number of lines.

On entry: AH - 7

AL - numbers of rows to scroll (0 for
blank the area)

CX - row/col of upper left corner

DX - row col of lower right corner

BH - attribute of blanked lines

VIDEO - READ CHAR and ATTRIBUTEReads the character at the current cursor position of
screen.

On Entry: AH - 8

On Exit: AL - char

AH - attr

VIDEO - WRITE CHAR and ATTRIBUTEWrites chars and attributes to screen at current cursor
position.

On Entry: AH - 9

CX - count of chars to write

AL - char

BL - attribute

ON EXIT: Cursor position is not changed.

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VIDEO - WRITE CHAR ONLY (no attribute)

Writes chars to screen at current cursor position, not changing the attributes.

On Entry: AH - 10

 CX - count of chars to write

 AL - char

ON EXIT: Cursor position is not changed.

VIDEO - ,WRITE CHAR IN TTY MODE - outputs a single character with whatever is the current attribute (CURATTR), updating the cursor. It interprets these characters - CR,BS, LF and BELL. IF it gets to end of screen it automatically scrolls. Default screen length is 25 lines, but this can be changed to 24 use SPECIAL CALLS.

On Entry: AH - 11

 AL - char to output

ON EXIT: nothing

VIDEO - RETURN VIDEO STATUS

ON ENTRY: AH - 12

On Exit: AH - cols on screen (always 80)

 AL - current video mode (always 7)

 BH - current active page (always 0)

40. **PRINTSCREEN (816 ONLY)** - send screen image to printer. Checks flag at 50:0 to see if a screen print is already in progress (1 - in progress). If so it doesn't bother.

ON ENTRY: nothing.

ON EXIT: If success 50:0 hold 0, else 50:0 holds OFFh.

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41. DMSINFO - gets the DMS INFO table into user buffer.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX is address of buffer to load.

ON EXIT: The buffer is filled with time and date info.
Always succeeds.

FORMAT of DMS INFO table:

- 1 byte - product type
 - 1 - ZSBC3 machines. (5080,3b,3f,501,3-10X)
 - 2 - DMS-4
 - 3 - DMS-1280
 - 4 - DMS-3C
 - 5 - DMS-86,5086
 - 6 - 5016
 - 7 - 816
 - 8 - PC card
- 1 byte - OS type
 - 11h - cpm-80 (2.2)
 - 12h - cpm86
 - 13h - hidos
 - 21h - mddos (2.1)
- 4 bytes - Gutbios Version number vers,rev,assem,pass
- 4 bytes - Prom serial number
- 1 byte - Password mode
 - 0FFh - not auto mode.
 - 0 thru 9 - auto mode
 - with this PW #.
- 2 bytes - Segment address of this table.
- 2 bytes - Offset address of this table
- 1 byte - Local network user number.
- 4 bytes - Mother bios version number vers,rev,mod,change

42. WRSCOMMAND - this is used to make a write status requests from the BIOS and the master.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX points to WRITE STATUS COMMAND BUFFER.

ON EXIT: AL and response status field of COMMAND BUFFER are loaded with network response.

- Success - AL has 04Dh (mesask)
Command buffer is filled out
- Failure - other value (currently 04Fh - cmddeny)

NOTE: Success indicates a successful request dialogue, not that the request was granted. You must check info in the command buffer for that. Failure is generally due to invalid parameters in the request (e.g. the partition number doesn't match the partition number in the BIOS part table for the logical drive number given.)

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Format of command buffer:

1 byte - Request type 0 - grant ownership
 1 - release ownership
 2 - force partition to a state
 3 - query current status
 4 - release all this users partitions

1 byte - volume number of partition.
 1 byte - unit number of partition.
 1 byte - value.
 1 byte - physical user
 1 byte - logical drive (not sent to master)
 1 byte - response status.
 1 byte - Unit status.
 8 bytes - User name.

WRSCOMMAND - entry and exit params for each type of request

GRANT and QUERY request -

ON ENTRY: User must have filled out:

Request type - 0 for grant, 3 for query.

Volume number of partition.

Unit number of partition.

Logical drive of partition (A-0, B-1 etc.)

ON EXIT: If request dialogue was successful (response status = 4D):

Unit status has status of drive.

User name has ascii name of drive owner, if there is one.

Unit status values

0FFh - ownable partition but not owned.

0FEh - read/write partition.

0FDh - read only partition.

0FCh - hi dos partition. (Can be written to only by HIDOS).

0FBh - multi. This status is returned on a grant request for a drive you already own it. It may indicate that you own it on another drive.

0FAh - illegal request.

other - network user number of current owner of partition.

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RELEASE request -

ON ENTRY: User must have filled out:

Request type - 1.
Volume number of partition.
Unit number of partition.
Logical drive of partition
(A-0,B-1 etc.)

, ON EXIT: If request dialogue was successful
(response status = 4D):
Unit status has status of drive.
User name has ascii name of drive
owner, if there is one.

NOTE: if you attempt to release a partition you don't own
returns a failure in response status.

RELEASE ALL request -

ON ENTRY: User must have filled out:

Request type - 4.

ON EXIT: If request dialogue was successful
(response status = 4D):
Write ownership is released an all your
partitions.

FORCE request -

This forces the status of the partition named. You
can force the wrtie status on any drive, whether
you are assinged to it or not. IF you are not
assigned to it set logical drive to OFFh.

ON ENTRY: User must have filled out:

Request type - 1.
Volume number of partition.
Unit number of partition.
Logical drive of partition
A-0,B-1 etc. if you are
assinged to it.
OFFhif not assigned

ON EXIT: If request dialogue was successful (response
(response status = 4D):
Unit status has status of drive.
User name has ascii name of drive owner, if
there is one.

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43. AUXINIT - FOR 816 ONLY. A service routine for the virtual IBM rombios. It sets parameters for SIO channel A.

ON ENTRY: AL parameter byte.

ON EXIT : paramters are set.

FORMAT of parameter byte:

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, bit 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
      x x x p p s 1 1

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x bits - don't care (IN IBM used for baud rate which can only be set on 816 with dip switches).

p bits - parity setting
 x0 - no parity
 01 - odd parity
 11 - even parity

s bit - stop bits
 0 - 1 stop bit
 1 - 2 stop bits

l bits - character length
 10 - 7 bits
 11 - 8 bits

44. PARTADDR - return address of the 86 BIOS Partition Table.

ON ENTRY: DX:DX points to buffer load with addr of PartTab

ON EXIT : Buffer has offset and segment of partitin table loaded into it.

FORMAT: low byte offset, high offset, low segment, high segment

FORMAT of PARTTION TABLE:

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8 bytes - partition name
1 byte  - partition size
1 byte  - unit number
1 byte  - volume number
1 byte  - drive type
1 byte  - write status of drive
1 byte  - logical drive number (A-0,B-1, etc.)
1 byte  - media same flag (for MSDOS)

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For values of partition size see DIRNET.

For values of drive type see MAKASS.

For values of Write Status see WRScommand.

DESCRIPTION OF GUTBIOS FUNCTIONS

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45. NETINFOREQ - Gets network info into a user buffer.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX points to buffer to load.

ON EXIT : IF failure - AL = 1

 IF success - AL = 0

 - buffer is laod with net info.

FORMAT of NETINFO:

 , 1 byte - reserved

 1 byte - max number of users on system.

 126 bytes - unused

46. SETPRESC - This sets the escape codes used for output to a printer attached to console. When outputting to such a device up to a 2 byte escape code is sent before and another after each char is output. This tells the console to pass the char on to the printer. IF a byte in an escape sequence is 0 it marks the end of that sequence.

ON ENTRY: DX:CX points to a buffer with the two sequences in it.

ON EXIT: The sequences are laoded into the BIOS sequence variables.

FORMAT of sequence buffer:

 byte one of first sequence

 byte two of first sequence

 byte one of second sequence

 byte two of second sequence

47. SPOOLMESS - this call allows turning on and off console messages from the spool device. Default setting is messages on. Messages should be turned off when you are running a background spooler that you don't want displaying messages in the middle of another application.

ON ENTRY: CL has setting

 0 - turn messages off.

 ~0 - turn message on.

ON EXIT: message display flag (spMessOn) is set.