



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

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# Int 21H, AH=4DH

## Version

2 and higher

## Brief

GET RETURN CODE (ERRORLEVEL)

## Family API

## Input

AH = 4Dh

## Return

```
AH = termination type
  00h normal (INT 20,INT 21/AH=00h, or INT 21/AH=4Ch)
  01h control-C abort
  02h critical error abort
  03h terminate and stay resident (INT 21/AH=31h or INT 27)
AL = return code
CF clear
```

## Notes

the word in which DOS stores the return code is cleared after being read by this function, so the return code can only be retrieved once

COMMAND.COM stores the return code of the last external command it executed as ERRORLEVEL

this call should not be used if the child was started with AX=4B04h; use AH=8Ah instead

the following sequence will close a Virtual DOS Machine under OS/2 2.0 through OS/2 Merlin (but may change in the future):

```
MOV AH,4Dh  
INT 21h  
HLT  
DB 02h,0FDh
```

This sequence is the only way to close a specific VDM which was booted from floppy or a disk image.

## See also

[AH=4Bh](#),[AH=4Ch](#)

## Note

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

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