



Note: This API calls are shared between DOS and Win16 personality.

DPMI is a shared interface for DOS applications to access Intel 80286+ CPUs services. DOS DMPI host provides core services for protected mode applications. Multitasking OS with DOS support also provides DMPI in most cases. Windows standard and extended mode kernel is a DPMI client app. Standard and extended mode kernel differs minimally and shares common codebase. Standard Windows kernel works under DOSX extender. DOSX is a specialized version of 16-bit DPMI Extender (but it is standard DPMI host). Standard mode is just DPMI client, enhanced mode is DPMI client running under Virtual Machine Manager (really, multitasker which allow to run many DOS sessions). Both modes shares DPMI interface for kernel communication. The OS/2 virtual DOS Protected Mode Interface (VDPMI) device driver provides Version 0.9 DPMI support for virtual DOS machines. Win16 (up to Windows ME) provides Version 0.9 DPMI support. Windows in Standard Mode provides DPMI services only for Windows Applications, not DOS sessions.

DPMI host often merged with DPMI extender. Usually DPMI extender provide DPMI host standard services and DOS translation or True DPMI services.

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Int 31H, AH=00H, AL=06H

Version

0.9

Brief

Get Segment Base Address

Input

```
AX = 0006H  
BX = selector
```

Return

```
if function successful  
Carry flag = clear  
CX:DX = 32-bit linear base address of segment
```

```
if function unsuccessful
Carry flag = set
AX = error code
8022H   invalid selector
```

Notes

Returns the 32-bit linear base address from the LDT descriptor for the specified segment.

Client programs must use the LSL instruction to query the limit for a descriptor. Note that on 80386 machines, the client must use the 32-bit form of LSL if the segment size is greater than 64 KB.

Refer to the rules for descriptor usage in Appendix D.

See also

Note

Text based on <http://www.delorie.com/djgpp/doc/dpmi/>

DPMI	
Process manager	INT 2FH 1680H, 1687H
Signals	
Memory manager	
Misc	INT 2FH 1686H, 168AH
Devices	

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