



This is part of **Win16 API** which allow to create versions of program from one source code to run under OS/2 and Win16. Under OS/2 program can be running under Win-OS/2 if program is Windows NE executable, and with help on Windows Libraries for OS/2, if it is OS/2 NE executable. [Here](#) is a WLO to OS/2 API mapping draft

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OldExitWindows

Brief

The **OldExitWindows** function immediately terminates the entire Windows session by directly invoking the DOS “terminate program” interrupt (INT 21h, Function 4Ch), which kills the system virtual machine. It is an undocumented function exported by **USER.EXE** at ordinal 2 and represents a hard-exit mechanism left over from Windows 2.1 for compatibility reasons.

Syntax

```
void FAR PASCAL OldExitWindows(void);
```

Parameters

This function takes no parameters.

Return Code

This function does not return. Control is passed directly to MS-DOS, and the Windows environment is forcibly terminated.

Notes

- **OldExitWindows** performs a “hard” exit without any graceful shutdown. It does **not** send the **WM_QUERYENDSESSION** or **WM_ENDSESSION** messages to running applications, nor does it perform the normal Windows cleanup sequence.
- Because of its abrupt nature, using this function can lead to data loss or file corruption in applications that rely on proper termination handling.
- The function is a legacy entry point from Windows 2.1. It is retained in Windows 3.0 and 3.1 under the name **OldExitWindows** to provide binary compatibility for old applications.
- New programs should use the documented **ExitWindows** function for a controlled shutdown that allows applications to veto the exit.

- **OldExitWindows** is exported by **USER.EXE** both by name and by ordinal 2.
- Support: Windows 3.0, Windows 3.1.

Example Code

C Binding

```
#include <windows.h>

int PASCAL WinMain(HANDLE hInstance, HANDLE hPrevInstance,
                  LPSTR lpCmdLine, int nCmdShow)
{
    // Optional confirmation dialog before the hard exit.
    int result = MessageBox(NULL,
                           "This will immediately exit Windows without
saving. Continue?",
                           "OldExitWindows Demo",
                           MB_YESNO | MB_ICONWARNING);

    if (result == IDYES)
    {
        // Perform an unconditional, immediate exit to DOS.
        OldExitWindows();
    }

    // If the user chose "No", the program continues normally.
    return 0;
}
```

MASM Binding

```
.MODEL LARGE
.386

INCLUDE windows.inc

.CODE
START PROC FAR

    ; Call OldExitWindows – never returns
    call    OldExitWindows

START ENDP

END START
```

See also

- [ExitWindows](#)
- [ExitWindowsExec](#)
- [PostQuitMessage](#)
- [WM_QUERYENDSESSION](#)
- [WM_ENDSESSION](#)

Group	Functions
Module Management	GetVersion GetModuleHandle GetModuleUsage GetModuleFileName GetProcAddress MakeProclInstance FreeProclInstance GetInstanceData Catch Throw GetCodeHandle LoadLibrary FreeLibrary
Global Memory Management	GlobalAlloc GlobalCompact GlobalDiscard GlobalFree GlobalLock GlobalReAlloc GlobalSize GlobalUnlock GlobalFlags
Local Memory Management	LocalInit LocalAlloc LocalCompact LocalDiscard LocalFree LocalLock LocalFreeze LocalMelt LocalReAlloc LocalSize LocalUnlock LocalHandleDelta LockData UnlockData LocalFlags
Task Scheduling	GetCurrentTask Yield SetPriority
Resource Management	AddFontResource RemoveFontResource LoadBitmap LoadCursor LoadIcon LoadMenu LoadString LoadAccelerators FindResource LoadResource AllocResource LockResource FreeResource AccessResource SizeofResource SetResourceHandler
String Manipulation	AnsiUpper AnsiLower AnsiNext AnsiPrev AnsiUpperBuff AnsiLowerBuff Istrcmp Istrcmpi IsCharAlpha IsCharAlphaNumeric IsCharUpper IsCharLower _wsprintf wvsprintf
Atom Management	InitAtomTable AddAtom DeleteAtom FindAtom GetAtomName GlobalAddAtom GlobalDeleteAtom GlobalFindAtom GlobalGetAtomName
Initialization Files	GetProfileInt GetProfileString WriteProfileString
Debugging	FatalExit
File Input/Output	_lopen _lcreat _lseek _lread _lwrite _lclose OpenFile GetTempFileName GetTempDrive
Registry	RegOpenKey RegCreateKey RegCloseKey RegDeleteKey RegSetValue RegQueryValue RegEnumKey
Window Management	CreateWindow CreateWindowEx DestroyWindow ShowWindow CloseWindow OpenIcon MoveWindow SetWindowPos BringWindowToTop GetWindow GetParent SetParent GetNextWindow GetTopWindow GetWindowRect GetClientRect AdjustWindowRect AdjustWindowRectEx EnableWindow IsWindowEnabled IsWindowVisible IsIconic IsZoomed IsWindow IsChild FindWindow EnumWindows EnumChildWindows EnumTaskWindows GetDesktopWindow GetDesktopHwnd WindowFromPoint ChildWindowFromPoint GetWindowText SetWindowText GetWindowTextLength GetClassName GetWindowLong SetWindowLong GetWindowWord SetWindowWord GetWindowTask GetWindowPlacement SetWindowPlacement ArrangelConicWindows CascadeChildWindows TileChildWindows ShowOwnedPopups AnyPopup GetLastActivePopup SetActiveWindow GetActiveWindow SetFocus GetFocus SetCapture GetCapture ReleaseCapture SetSysModalWindow GetSysModalWindow LockWindowUpdate RedrawWindow UpdateWindow InvalidateRect InvalidateRgn ValidateRect ValidateRgn GetUpdateRect GetUpdateRgn ExcludeUpdateRgn BeginDeferWindowPos DeferWindowPos EndDeferWindowPos FlashWindow

Group	Functions
Message Handling	GetMessage PeekMessage PostMessage PostAppMessage SendMessage ReplyMessage InSendMessage WaitMessage TranslateMessage DispatchMessage GetMessagePos GetMessageTime GetMessageExtraInfo PostQuitMessage RegisterWindowMessage SetMessageQueue GetQueueStatus GetInputState QuerySendMessage
Painting and Drawing	BeginPaint EndPaint GetDC GetDCEX GetWindowDC ReleaseDC DrawText GrayString TabbedTextOut GetTabbedTextExtent FillRect InvertRect FrameRect DrawFocusRect DrawIcon ScrollDC ScrollWindow ScrollWindowEx FillWindow PaintRect GetControlBrush
Menus	CreateMenu CreatePopupMenu DestroyMenu GetMenu SetMenu GetSystemMenu GetSubMenu AppendMenu InsertMenu ModifyMenu DeleteMenu RemoveMenu ChangeMenu CheckMenuItem EnableMenuItem HiliteMenuItem GetMenuState GetMenuString GetMenuItemCount GetMenuItemID DrawMenuBar TrackPopupMenu GetMenuCheckMarkDimensions SetMenuItemBitmaps IsMenu
Clipboard	OpenClipboard CloseClipboard EmptyClipboard GetClipboardOwner GetOpenClipboardWindow SetClipboardData GetClipboardData CountClipboardFormats EnumClipboardFormats RegisterClipboardFormat GetClipboardFormatName IsClipboardFormatAvailable GetPriorityClipboardFormat SetClipboardViewer GetClipboardViewer ChangeClipboardChain
Caret	CreateCaret DestroyCaret SetCaretPos GetCaretPos HideCaret ShowCaret SetCaretBlinkTime GetCaretBlinkTime
Cursor and Icon	SetCursor GetCursor SetCursorPos GetCursorPos ShowCursor ClipCursor GetClipCursor LoadCursor LoadIcon CreateCursor CreateIcon CopyCursor CopyIcon DestroyCursor DestroyIcon CreateCursorIconIndirect
Scroll Bars	SetScrollPos GetScrollPos SetScrollRange GetScrollRange ShowScrollBar EnableScrollBar CalcChildScroll
Dialog Boxes	DialogBox DialogBoxIndirect DialogBoxParam DialogBoxIndirectParam CreateDialog CreateDialogIndirect CreateDialogParam CreateDialogIndirectParam EndDialog GetDlgItem SetDlgItemText GetDlgItemText SetDlgItemInt GetDlgItemInt CheckDlgButton IsDlgButtonChecked CheckRadioButton SendDlgItemMessage GetNextDlgGroupItem GetNextDlgTabItem GetDlgCtrlID IsDialogMessage MapDialogRect GetDialogBaseUnits DefDlgProc DlgDirList DlgDirListComboBox DlgDirSelect DlgDirSelectEx DlgDirSelectComboBox DlgDirSelectComboBoxEx
Device Context Management	GetDC GetDCEX GetWindowDC ReleaseDC SaveDC RestoreDC CreateDC CreateCompatibleDC DeleteDC ResetDC
Coordinates and Transformations	SetMapMode GetMapMode SetWindowOrg GetWindowOrg SetWindowExt GetWindowExt SetViewportOrg GetViewportOrg SetViewportExt GetViewportExt OffsetWindowOrg OffsetViewportOrg ScaleWindowExt ScaleViewportExt DPToLP LPtoDP
Drawing Functions	SetPixel GetPixel MoveTo LineTo Polyline Polygon PolyPolygon Rectangle RoundRect Ellipse Arc Chord Pie FloodFill ExtFloodFill DrawFocusRect PatBlt BitBlt StretchBlt StretchDIBits SetDIBits GetDIBits SetDIBitsToDevice
Regions	CreateRectRgn CreateRectRgnIndirect CreateRoundRectRgn CreateEllipticRgn CreateEllipticRgnIndirect CreatePolygonRgn CreatePolyPolygonRgn CombineRgn EqualRgn OffsetRgn FillRgn FrameRgn InvertRgn PaintRgn SelectClipRgn ExcludeClipRect IntersectClipRect OffsetClipRgn GetClipBox GetRgnBox PtInRegion RectInRegion SetRectRgn

Group	Functions
Bitmaps	CreateBitmap CreateBitmapIndirect CreateCompatibleBitmap CreateDiscardableBitmap CreateDIBitmap CreateDIBPatternBrush SetBitmapBits GetBitmapBits SetBitmapDimension GetBitmapDimension
Brushes and Pens	CreateSolidBrush CreateHatchBrush CreatePatternBrush CreateBrushIndirect CreatePen CreatePenIndirect SetBrushOrg GetBrushOrg SelectObject GetObject DeleteObject GetStockObject UnrealizeObject
Fonts and Text	CreateFont CreateFontIndirect CreateScalableFontResource AddFontResource RemoveFontResource EnumFonts EnumFontFamilies GetTextMetrics GetTextExtent GetTextFace GetCharWidth GetCharABCWidths GetOutlineTextMetrics GetGlyphOutline GetKerningPairs SetTextColor GetTextColor SetBkColor GetBkColor SetBkMode GetBkMode SetTextAlign GetTextAlign SetTextCharacterExtra GetTextCharacterExtra SetTextJustification TextOut ExtTextOut TabbedTextOut GetTabbedTextExtent
Metafiles	CreateMetaFile CloseMetaFile DeleteMetaFile CopyMetaFile GetMetaFile GetMetaFileBits SetMetaFileBits PlayMetaFile PlayMetaFileRecord EnumMetaFile IsValidMetaFile
Printing	StartDoc EndDoc StartPage EndPage SetAbortProc AbortDoc QueryAbort OpenJob CloseJob DeleteJob WriteSpool StartSpoolPage EndSpoolPage SpoolFile
Palettes	CreatePalette SelectPalette RealizePalette GetPaletteEntries SetPaletteEntries ResizePalette AnimatePalette UpdateColors GetNearestPaletteIndex GetNearestColor SetSystemPaletteUse GetSystemPaletteUse GetSystemPaletteEntries
Device Capabilities	GetDeviceCaps GetRasterizerCaps GetEnvironment SetEnvironment GetAspectRatioFilter Escape CreateIC
Miscellaneous GDI	SetROP2 GetROP2 SetPolyFillMode GetPolyFillMode SetStretchBltMode GetStretchBltMode SetMapperFlags GetMapperFlags LineDDA MulDiv GetCurrentPosition GetBoundsRect SetBoundsRect FastWindowFrame
Timer	SetTimer KillTimer GetTickCount GetTimerResolution GetCurrentTime
Hooks	SetWindowsHook SetWindowsHookEx UnhookWindowsHook UnhookWindowsHookEx CallNextHookEx DefHookProc CallMsgFilter
Communications	OpenComm CloseComm ReadComm WriteComm SetCommState GetCommState GetCommError TransmitCommChar SetCommEventMask GetCommEventMask SetCommBreak ClearCommBreak UngetCommChar BuildCommDCB EscapeCommFunction FlushComm EnableCommNotification
Networking (WNet)	WNetErrorText WNetOpenJob WNetCloseJob WNetAbortJob WNetHoldJob WNetReleaseJob WNetCancelJob WNetSetJobCopies WNetWatchQueue WNetUnwatchQueue WNetLockQueueData WNetUnlockQueueData WNetGetConnection WNetGetCaps WNetDeviceMode WNetBrowseDialog WNetGetUser WNetAddConnection WNetCancelConnection WNetGetError WNetGetErrorText WNetEnable WNetDisable WNetRestoreConnection WNetWriteJob WNetConnectDialog WNetDisconnectDialog WNetConnectionDialog WNetViewQueueDialog WNetPropertyDialog WNetGetDirectoryType WNetDirectoryNotify WNetGetPropertyText
System Information	GetSystemMetrics GetSysColor SetSysColors SystemParametersInfo GetFreeSystemResources GetSystemDebugState GetDoubleClickTime SetDoubleClickTime SwapMouseButton GetKeyState GetAsyncKeyState GetKeyboardState SetKeyboardState mouse_event GetMouseEventProc EnableHardwareInput IsUserIdle LockInput MessageBeep WinHelp
Window Classes	RegisterClass RegisterClassEx UnregisterClass GetClassInfo GetClassInfoEx GetClassWord SetClassWord GetClassLong SetClassLong GetClassName
Window Properties	SetProp GetProp RemoveProp EnumProps

Group	Functions
MDI Support	DefFrameProc DefMDIChildProc TranslateMDISysAccel
Drivers	OpenDriver CloseDriver SendDriverMessage GetDriverModuleHandle GetDriverInfo GetNextDriver DefDriverProc
Miscellaneous	InitApp ExitWindows ExitWindowsExec OLDEXITWINDOWS BEAR11 BEAR86 BEAR182 UserSeeUserDo OldSetDeskPattern SetRect SetRectEmpty CopyRect IsRectEmpty PtInRect OffsetRect InflateRect IntersectRect UnionRect EqualRect SubtractRect

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