

# WSERVER

PSIONICS FILE - WSERVER

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Window server calls

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## SPECIAL NOTICE:

This file wouldn't have appeared for much longer if it weren't for Dan Ramage, who sent me enough material to convince me to restart after many months of neglect.

This file is dedicated to the memory of Felicia Hatunen (see <http://www.stdc.demon.co.uk/felicia/>). Most of it was written travelling to and from a memorial service for her (in California).

There is a lot of missing and incomplete material in this file. While Psion have provided me with an SDK and other data, there are a number of gaps in what I have, particularly the mapping of registers to C function arguments. Therefore this file contains more than the usual number of @ signs indicating missing material. Assistance in filling these gaps would be greatly appreciated (though I don't promise credit).

Processes on the Psion do not have direct access to the screen and keyboard. Instead, they send messages to a special process called the Window Server. This process then handles the screen and keyboard,

arbitrating between the various requests - for example, it ensures that only the current foreground process gets keystrokes, and handles the case of different application windows overlapping.

Many calls to the Window Server are buffered; the individual commands are stored in a buffer, and then sent to the server in a batch. This is done whenever the buffer is full, by any command requiring a response

from the server, whenever waiting for an event, and by the wFlush call. The calls that return a value but do not flush the command buffer are:

gTextCount, gFontInfo, and wCheckBitmapid.

If an error occurs when a buffered command is executed, all further commands are ignored until one that requires a response. This command is also ignored, and the error is returned instead.

Clients of the window server can be in the foreground or background. On machines with a small screen, only one client can be in the foreground, and it occupies the whole screen. On machines with a large screen, more than one client can be in the foreground or be visible at a time.

See the file SYSCALLS.1 for the notation used in this file. In the case of function \$8D, bit 7 of the sub-function number is set to indicate that the function obtains a response from the server; this bit is ignored in ordering the functions in the following list of descriptions. Furthermore, in the case of Fn \$8D Sub \$7E and Sub \$FF, there are several different functions depending on the value of AL.

If a call is marked "fails" then:- if it fails, the resulting behaviour depends on the error handling flag set

by wDisableLeaves;

- if no new value is shown for AX, it is set to 0 on success.

A common data structure is the "standard rectangle structure". This is defined here:

Offset 0 (word): x coordinate of left edge of the rectangle    Offset 2 (word): y coordinate of top edge of the rectangle

Offset 4 (word): x coordinate of left edge plus width    Offset 6 (word): y coordinate of top edge plus height

Graphics Contexts

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Many window server calls are described as using a "graphics context". This is a data structure associated with a specific window or bitmap and stored in the window server itself. It determines various features about the call, such as the font used in text operations. At any time there is a "current GC"; calls

labelled "cgc" use that to determine appropriate properties.

A graphics context is specified using a GC description block. This is a block of memory in the client laid out as follows:

Offset 0 (byte): graphics mode (0=set, 1=clear, 2=invert)    Offset 1 (byte): text mode (0=set, 1=clear, 2=invert, 4=copy with background)

Offset 2 (byte): text style

Bit 0: bold

Bit 1: underline

Bit 2: inverse

Bit 3: double height

Bit 4: monospaced

Bit 5: italic

Bit 6: subscript (v4 only, and only with appropriate font groups) Bit 7: superscript (v4 only, and only with appropriate font groups) Offset 3 (byte): additional graphics options (v4 only)

Bits 0 and 1: 0 = black plane, 1 = grey plane, 2 = both planes Bit 2: set = double pixel mode, clear = normal

Offset 4 (word): font or font group Wherever a font is required, one of the ROM-based fonts beginning at \$4000

can be used. The value \$4099 always means the system font.

GC description blocks are normally provided in association with a GC selectormask. This is a word which is used to determine which values are taken from the description block, as follows:

Bit 1: graphics mode

Bit 2: text mode

Bit 3: text style

Bit 4: font

Bit 5: bits 0 and 1 of additional graphics options (v4 only) Bit 6: bit 2 of additional graphics options (v4 only) When creating a new GC, values not taken from the description block are set

to zero, except the font which is set to the system font.

Events

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An event is a message sent from the window server to a client to inform it that something has happened that is not directly related to a function call; for example, that a key has been pressed when the client is the foreground client. The event is between 2 and @@ bytes long depending on its type. Offset 0 is

always a word giving the event type.

In many types of event the words at offsets 2 and 4 have a standard meaning.\* "window handle" (offset 2) - this is the value passed to wCreateWindow. It is not the same as the window identifier, and is commonly set to the address

of a structure including the latter.\* "connection handle" (offset 2) - @@@ the value specified to wConnect

\* "tick count" (offset 4) - the window server maintains this value, which it increments every tick (1/32 second).

Type 1 - WM\_KEY

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 1

Offset 2 (word): connection handle

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (word): keycode

Offset 8 (byte): keyboard modifiers and mouse state

Offset 9 (byte): unused

Offset 10 (word): repeat count  
Sent when a key is pressed and the client is the one connected to the keyboard

(usually because it owns the frontmost foreground window). The keycode is defined by the key and modifiers. For example, the 'A' key will generate:

\$0061 alone

\$0041 if shift is pressed or caps lock is on

\$0001 if control is pressed

\$0261 if Psion or alt is pressed  
The window server will handle control-plus-number

combinations and generate a

single event. @@@@ special cases

The modifiers are:

Bit 1: shift key pressed

Bit 2: control key pressed

Bit 3: Psion or alt key pressed

Bit 4: caps lock is on

Bit 5: num lock is on

Bit 7: mouse button down  
The repeat count is 1 for a single key press. If a key is held down and is

autorepeating faster than the client accepts new events, the repeat count will be set to the number of repeats since the last key event.

Type 2 - WM\_MOUSE

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 2

Offset 2 (word): window handle

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (byte): 1=release, 2=press, 3=motion  
Offset 7 (byte): keyboard modifiers and mouse state

Offset 8 (word): mouse position x coordinate  
Offset 10 (word): mouse position y coordinate  
Sent when the mouse button is pressed or released, or the mouse moves and the appropriate window has requested motion events. The modifiers are as for

WM\_KEY, plus:

Bit 6: mouse position is outside the visible portion of the window  
This can happen through grabs and mouse capture.

Type 3 - WM\_REDRAW

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 3

Offset 2 (word): window handle

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (word): left edge

Offset 8 (word): top edge

Offset 10 (word): @@@ right edge or width or what ? Offset 12 (word): @@@ bottom edge or height or what ?

Sent when no other events (except WM\_USER\_MSG) are pending and a window has an area that needs redrawing (an "update region"). The rectangle describes some portion (possibly all) of the update region.

Type 5 - WM\_BACKGROUND

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 5 Sent to a client in the foreground when it moves to the background.

Type 6 - WM\_FOREGROUND

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 6 Sent to a client in the background when it moves to the foreground.

Type 7 - WM\_RUBBER

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 7

Offset 2 (word): window handle

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (word): final status Offset 8 to 15: standard rectangle structure giving the final size

The final status can be:

0 = the final rectangle is the same as the initial one 1 = the rubber band moved but was not resized

2 = the rubber band was resized 3 = the rubber band was cancelled; the rectangle is undefined

4 = the rubber band was not displayed because the parameters were wrong

Type 8 - WM\_USER\_MSG

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 8 Sent to a client following a call to wUserMsg if no other events are pending

(and so can be used to check that condition).

Type 9 - WM\_ACTIVE

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 9

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Type 11 - WM\_CANCELLED

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 11

Sent to a client following a call to `wCancelGetEvent`.

Type 12 - `WM_KEYBOARD_STATE_CHANGE`

Sent to the system shell only.

Type 13 - `WM_RUBBER_BAND_INIT`

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 13

Offset 2 (word): window handle

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (byte): set to 2

Offset 7 (byte): keyboard modifiers and mouse state    Offset 8 (word): mouse position x coordinate

Offset 10 (word): mouse position y coordinate  
Sent to a client on a button press when the window is configured so that pressing a mouse button starts rubber banding. The window server will suspend all mouse and keyboard processing for all clients until this client calls `wRubberBand`. If rubber banding is not desired, the `cancel` flag can be used in the call.

Type 14 - `WM_DEICONISE`

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 14

Sent to an iconised client when it moves to the foreground.

Type 15 - `WM_ATTACHED`

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 15

Offset 2 (word): @@@@

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (word): attached client  
Sent to a client when another client has attached itself on top. Note that the notifier process attaches itself to a client when that client uses the `p_notify@@@` system call.

Type 16 - `WM_DETACHED`

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 16

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Sent to a client when a previously attached client detaches itself.

Type 17 - `WM_COMMAND` v3.5

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 17  
Sent to a client that is the target of a `wSendCommand` call, and indicates that `wGetCommand` should be called.

Type 18 - `WM_TASK_KEY` Series 3 only

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 18

Offset 2 (word): connection handle

Offset 4 (word): tick count

Offset 6 (word): application key code @@@

Offset 8 (word): modifiers ? @@@

Offset 10 (word): repeat count ? @@@

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Type 19 - WM\_TASK\_UPDATE v3.5

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 19Sent to the shell process if any process terminates, whether or not a client of the window server.

Type 20 - WM\_ON v3.5

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 20Sent to a client when the machine is switched on and the client has either called wInformOnAll, or has called wInformOn and is in the foreground.

Type 21 - WM\_ESCAPE

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 21

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Sent on if key events are not selected using wGetEventSpecial. The event is sent when the ESC key is pressed; all pending keystrokes are thrown away.

Type 22 - WM\_DATE\_CHANGED v4

Offset 0 (word): type, set to 22Sent to any client which is not in Series 3t compatibility mode and is in the foreground, whenever either the date changes, or the machine is switched on on a different date to when it was switched off.

System calls

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Fn \$8D Sub \$00

wEndRedraw

Ends redrawing, as started by wBeginRedrawWin or related calls.

Fn \$8D Sub \$01

wEraseTextCursor

Makes the text cursor invisible.

Fn \$8D Sub \$02

wReleaseMouse

Cancels any call to wCaptureMouse.

Fn \$8D Sub \$03

gFreeTempGC

Destroys the temporary graphics context, and makes the remembered currentgraphics context be current again.

Fn \$8D Sub \$04

wCancel

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Fn \$8D Sub \$85

wDisconnect

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Fn \$8D Sub \$06

wDetachClient

Detaches the client from any process it is attached to (see wAttachToClient) and moves it to the back.

Fn \$8D Sub \$07

wCleanUp

Returns the window server to a standard state. This frees any temporary graphics context, ends any redraws taking place, and invalidates any window that has an attached graphics context.

Fn \$8D Sub \$08

wAttachToForegroundClient Attaches the client to the current foreground client, if different. See wAttachToClient for details.

Fn \$8D Sub \$09

wUserMsg

Instructs the window server to send the client a WM\_USER\_MSG event when there are no other events to deliver. Only one such event can be pending for a client.

Fn \$8D Sub \$8A

wStartCompute

Inform the window server that the client is about to start intensive computation, and its priority should be set to 112 (background) even if it is in the foreground. Ignored if the client has not selected server-controlled priority handling (see wSetPriorityControl).

Fn \$8D Sub \$8B

wEndCompute

Cancel the effect of wStartCompute; if the client is in the foreground, sets its priority back to 128 (foreground). Ignored if the client has not selected server-controlled priority handling.

Fn \$8D Sub \$8C

wClientInfo fails

AX: -> information about the process

BX: process to be checked

Returns information about a process:

Bit 0: set if the process is connected the window server Bit 1: returns the setting specified at connection time

Bit 2: the client is system modal

Bit 7: server-controlled priority handing is activeIf the process is not a client of the window server, the call may return zero or may fail.

Fn \$8D Sub \$0D

wCloseWindowTree

BX: window

Destroys the window and all its descendants.

Fn \$8D Sub \$8E

wInquireWindow

BX: window

SI: address of 14 byte information block (see wCreateWindow)The first 10 bytes of the block are set to the flags, position, and size ofthe specified window. The last 4 bytes of the block are set to unspecified values.

Fn \$8D Sub \$0F

wCaptureMouse

BX: window

Captures the mouse within the window and its descendants. It will cancel anyactive capture in another window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$10

wBeginRedrawWin

BX: windowValidate the window for redrawing. Validation causes all pixels to be set or cleared if the background mode is 1 or 2 (this applies to black and greyseparately), and all future drawing is clipped to the update region (whichis set to the entire window in this case). Normal drawing resumes when wEndRedraw is called.

Fn \$8D Sub \$11

wFree

BX: identifier

Destroy an object and free all the related resources. The identifier can be any of:

\* bitmap file handle

\* bitmap identifier (will also destroy any associated graphics context) \* bitmap sequence identifier

\* clock identifier

\* font identifier

\* graphics context

\* mouse icon identifier

\* sprite identifier

Fn \$8D Sub \$12

wMakeInvisible

BX: window

The window is marked as invisible; a window will not appear on the screen if it or any of its ancestors is invisible.

Fn \$8D Sub \$93

wAttachtoClient fails

BX: process to attach to Attaches the current process to the specified one. This will cause its

windows to stay just in front of those of the client it is attached to. Applies only on large screen servers.

Fn \$8D Sub \$14

wInitialiseWindowTree

BX: window

The specified window and its descendants are initialized. This may only be done once for any given window, and must be done before it is first drawn on.

Fn \$8D Sub \$15

wInvalidateWin

BX: window

Add the entire window to its own update region. This will cause a redraw event, which can be used to trigger redrawing of the window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$16

wValidateWin

BX: window

Validate the window (causing all pixels to be set or cleared if the background mode is 1 or 2 - this applies to black and grey separately), and the update region is deleted.

Fn \$8D Sub \$17

wMakeVisible

BX: window

Cancel `wMakeInvisible` on the window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$18

`wClientIconised`

BX: action (0 = deiconise, 1 = iconise) Iconises or deiconises the current process.

Iconisation only works on large

screen systems.

Fn \$8D Sub \$19

`wClientPosition`

BX: position

CX: process ID Move the specified process (zero means the current process) to the given position in the window server task list. Position 0 is the front of the list; any position greater than or equal to the number of processes attached to the window server puts the process at the very back of the list.

Fn \$8D Sub \$9A

`wInquireWindowOffset` fails

BX: window A (0 = screen)

CX: window B

SI: address of a 4 byte buffer The buffer is filled in with the position of window B relative to window A:

Offset 0 (word): x offset

Offset 2 (word): y offset

Fn \$8D Sub \$1B

`wWindowPosition`

BX: window

CX: position (0 = front) Moves the window to the specified position within the sibling list (the list

of windows with the same parent).

Fn \$8D Sub \$1C

`wScrollRect`

BX: window

CX: address of a standard rectangle structure

DX: address of offset structure The pixels defined by the rectangle are copied to a new rectangle offset by

the indicated distance. The offset structure is:

Offset 0 (word): x offset of new rectangle

Offset 2 (word): y offset of new rectangle Copying does not go outside the window, and does not appear in areas obscured

by other windows or in "invalid" areas waiting for update.

Fn \$8D Sub \$1D

wRubberBand

BX: window to be sent the WM\_RUBBER event CX: window limiting the rubber band (0 = whole screen)

DX: address of an information block Starts rubber banding, with the rubber band limited to the specified window or allowed to roam over the screen. When the user completes the rubber banding,

a WM\_RUBBER event is sent to the window given. The information block is: Offset 0 to 7: standard rectangle structure giving the initial rectangle Offset 8 to 15: standard rectangle structure giving the inner bounds Offset 16 to 23: standard rectangle structure giving the outer bounds

Offset 24 (word): flags

Offset 26 (word): minimum width

Offset 28 (word): minimum height

Offset 30 (word): maximum width

Offset 32 (word): maximum height

Offset 34 (word): x grid snap value

Offset 36 (word): y grid snap value

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A window can be set so that pressing a mouse button starts rubber banding. In this case, the press event is sent as a WM\_RUBBER\_BAND\_INIT event instead. The client must call wRubberBand (use the @@@@@@ flag to cancel rubber banding if necessary).

Fn \$8D Sub \$1E

gCopyRect cgc

BX: standard rectangle structure

CX: address of point definition block

DX: mode (see gFillPattern) Copies a rectangular block from one part of a bitmap to another (the current

graphics context should refer to a bitmap). The top left corner of the rectangle is copied to the point given by the definition block:

Offset 0 (word): x

Offset 2 (word): y

Fn \$8D Sub \$9F

gPeekBit

BX: bitmap identifier, window identifier, or zero (see gSaveBit) CX: address of point

definition block

DX: number of pixels

SI: address of bufferCopies a horizontal row of pixels into the buffer. The point definition block

gives the first pixel to be copied:

Offset 0 (word): x

Offset 2 (word): y

The pixels are packed 8 per byte of the buffer, in LSB-first order. In version 4, the grey plane can be used by setting bit 15 of BX.

Fn \$8D Sub \$20

gDrawPolyLine cgc

BX: x coordinate of start point

CX: y coordinate of start point

DX: address of poly-line control blockDraws a sequence of lines according to the control block, which has the

format:

Offset 0 (word): number of line segments (N) Offsets 2 to 5: line segment 1 control block

Offsets 6 to 9: line segment 2 control block

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where the block is  $4N+2$  bytes long. The control block for segment M has the

format:

Offset  $4M-2$  (word): 2 times x offset, plus 0 for draw or 1 for don't draw Offset  $4M$  (word): y offset

Each control block causes a line to be drawn, or not drawn, from the previous end point (or the start point, for the first control block) to a new point specified as a relative offset. In version 2 of the window server there is a limit of 61 control blocks.

Fn \$8D Sub \$21

gFillPattern cgc

BX: standard rectangle structure

CX: bitmap (\$4000 = chequered 1 and 0 pixels)

DX: mode

Fills the specified rectangle with copies of the bitmap. The mode can be: 0 = set each pixel where the bitmap has a 1 pixel

1 = clear each pixel where the bitmap has a 1 pixel 2 = invert each pixel where the bitmap has a 1 pixel

4 = copy the bitmap to the rectangleIn version 3 and above, CX can also be a window with black plane redrawmethod 3, indicating that the backup bitmap of that window is to be used. In version 4, if both planes have redraw method 3, the appropriate plane is used for each selected plane in the target window or bitmap.

Fn \$8D Sub \$22

gCreateTempGC

BX: window or bitmap

CX: GC selector mask

DX: GC description blockCreates a new temporary graphics context associated with the window or bitmap,

and makes it the current GC. The previous current GC is remembered. While a temporary graphics context exists, the following calls are forbidden:

gCreateGC

gCreateTempGC

gSetGC (unless modifying the temporary graphics context)

wBeginRedrawGC

wBeginRedrawWinGC

wFree for any graphics context

Fn \$8D Sub \$A3

gCreateGC fails

AX: -> graphics context identifier

BX: window or bitmap

CX: GC selector mask

DX: GC description blockCreates a new graphics context associated with the window or bitmap, and makes

it the current GC.

Fn \$8D Sub \$24

gSetGC

BX: graphics context (for v3 and above, 0=current GC)

CX: GC selector mask

DX: GC description blockMakes the specified graphics context current, and modifies those properties

specified in the selector mask.

Fn \$8D Sub \$25

wSetWindow

BX: window to change

CX: flags

DX: address of a block of information about the window  
Changes various properties of a window. The flags are as follows: Bits 2 to 6, 8, and 10: set the indicated property to the corresponding bit

of the flags within the information block

Bit 12: if set, move and resize the window

Bit 13: if set, change the pointer symbol

Bit 14: if set, change the background method  
New values are taken from the information block, which is as for `wCreateWindow`.

Fn \$8D Sub \$26

`wBeginRedrawWinGC`

BX: window

CX: @@@@

DX: GC selector mask

DI: address of a GC description block  
Validate the window for redrawing (see `wBeginRedrawWin`) but using a temporary graphics context which will be destroyed by `wEndRedraw`.

Fn \$8D Sub \$27

`gDrawLine cgc`

BX: x coordinate of first end

CX: y coordinate of first end

DX: x coordinate of second end

DI: y coordinate of second end  
Draws a line between the two locations. If horizontal or vertical, the line includes the end with the lower coordinates. If diagonal, the line includes all pixels intersected by the diagonal of a rectangle including the top and left edges but not the bottom and right edges. Note that, in all cases, the order of the two ends does not affect the line drawn.

Fn \$8D Sub \$28

`gPrintText cgc`

BX: x coordinate of starting point

CX: y coordinate of baseline

DX: (text) string

DI: length of string (maximum 246)  
Prints the string at the indicated location. Characters not found in the font will be treated as if they were the highest character code.

Fn \$8D Sub \$29

`gCopyBit cgc`

BX: address of point definition block

CX: bitmap identifier or window identifier

DX: standard rectangle structure

DI: mode (see gFillPattern)Copies a rectangular block from a bitmap or a backed-up window (see gSaveBit).The top left corner of the rectangle is copied to the point given by the definition block:

Offset 0 (word): x

Offset 2 (word): yThe function cannot copy from a bitmap to itself. If the destination is in grey plane mode, the grey plane of the source is used if there is one. If the destination is in both planes mode, a single plane source is copied to both planes, and a double plane source has each plane copied to the corresponding plane.

Fn \$8D Sub \$AA

wCreateWindow fails

AX: -> new window identifier

BX: parent window (0 = parent is the entire screen)

CX: flags

DX: address of a block of information about the window      DI: handle for the new window  
(must not be zero)

Creates a new window which is a child of the specified window, and gives it the indicated id and handle (note that the two are not the same, and the former is used in other calls except where explicitly stated otherwise). The window cannot be drawn to until wInitialiseWindowTree has initialised it. The flags

are:

Bits 0 to 11: if set, use the corresponding bit from the flags word of the information block; if clear, bits 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 are cleared, the remainder are inherited from the parent window. Bit 12: set = use coordinates and size, clear = covers entire parent

Bit 13: set = use pointer symbol in information block, clear = use parent's Bit 14: set = new background method, clear = same method as parent

The information block contains the following:

Offset 0 (word): flags

Bit 0: this window is input-only (and therefore invisible)      Bit 1: pressing a mouse button starts rubber-banding (see wRubberBand)      Bit 2: ignore the mouse when it is within this window

Bit 3: send mouse events when the mouse button is up      Bit 4: send mouse events when the mouse button is down

Bit 5: grab the mouse when its button is pressed      Bit 6: draw in double pixel mode (v4 only)

Bit 7: visible only when client is in foreground (large screen only)      Bit 8: send redraw events to windows with this bit set before those with it clear

Bit 9: do not send redraw events      Bit 10: activate the window if it receives a mouse click

Bit 11: rubber banding will terminate when the mouse button is released      Offset 2 (word): x coordinate within parent

Offset 4 (word): y coordinate within parent

Offset 6 (word): width

Offset 8 (word): height

Offset 10 (word): identifier of the pointer symbol, where relevant      Offset 12 (byte): background redraw method      Bits 0 and 1: black plane method (0 = do nothing, 1 = set pixels, 2 = clear pixels, 3 = keep an off-screen bitmap)      Bit 3: if set, attempts to draw on the black plane are ignored (v4 only)      Bits 4 and 5: grey plane method (0 = do nothing, 1 = set pixels, 2 = clear pixels, 3 = keep an off-screen bitmap)      Bit 7: if clear, attempts to draw on the grey plane are ignored

The choice of keeping an off-screen bitmap cannot be changed after the window has been created, while the other options can be changed using `wSetWindow`.

Fn \$8D Sub \$2B

`wBeginRedrawGC`

BX: window

CX: address of a standard rectangle structure

DX: graphics context fields to be set      DI: address of a graphics context information block

Validate the window for redrawing (see `wBeginRedrawWin`) with the update region set to the indicated rectangle and using a temporary graphics context which will be destroyed by `wEndRedraw` (see `wBeginRedrawWinGC`).

Fn \$8D Sub \$AC

`gPrintClipText cgc`

AX: -> number of characters printed

BX: x coordinate of starting point

CX: y coordinate of baseline

DX: (text) string

DI: length of string (maximum 244)

SI: maximum number of pixels Prints the string at the indicated location as gPrintText, but only enough

characters are printed to fit within the specified number of pixels.

Fn \$8D Sub \$2D

gPrintBoxText cgc

BX: address of a standard rectangle structure SI: distance from top of rectangle to baseline

AX: alignment (1=right, 2=left, 4=centre)

CX: margin

DX: (text) string

DI: length of string (maximum 236) Clears the specified rectangle, then prints the string within it using textmode 0 (set pixels). The text is clipped to fit within the rectangle. The string is printed in the part of the rectangle excluding a margin area, whose position depends on the alignment:

left or right: CX must be  $\geq 0$ , margin is on the same side, width is CX centre and CX  $\geq 0$ : margin is on the left, width is CX

centre and CX  $< 0$ : margin is on the right, width is -CX

Fn \$8D Sub \$AE

gOpenBit fails

AX: -> bitmap identifier

BX: (cstr) filename

CX: bitmap number (0 = first or only)

DX: flags

SI: address of an information block

Loads a specified bitmap from a file. The flags are: Bit 0: set for a writeable bitmap, clear for a shared read-only bitmap

Bit 1: place the bitmap in a separate memory segment Bit 2: write the segment name in the information block

Bit 3: must be clear

The information block is written to as follows: Offset 0 (word): set to the width of the bitmap

Offset 2 (word): set to the height of the bitmap Offset 4 to 17: set to the segment name (cstr), only if flag bit 2 is set

Fn \$8D Sub \$AF

gOpenMouseIcon fails

AX: -> mouse icon identifier

BX: (cstr) file name

CX: number of icon within file

Loads a specified mouse icon from a file.

Fn \$8D Sub \$B0

gOpenFont fails

AX: -> font identifier

BX: (cstr) filename

Opens the specified font file.

Fn \$8D Sub \$31

gDrawBox cgc

BX: address of a standard rectangle structure  
Draws a box of the appropriate size. Note that a box with width and height of 3 will have exactly one empty pixel inside it.

Fn \$8D Sub \$B2

wLoadDYL fails

AX: -> dyl identifier

BX: (cstr) DYL segment name  
Load a DYL into the window server. The DYL must already have been loaded into

memory with @@@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$B3

gCreateBit fails

AX: -> bitmap identifier

@@: flags

@@: address of an information block  
Creates an uninitialized writeable bitmap. The flags are:

Bit 0: must be clear

Bit 1: place the bitmap in a separate memory segment Bit 2: write the segment name in the information block

Bit 3: make the bitmap zero-sized  
If the bitmap is zero-sized, nothing can be written to it; the size can be

increased later. The information block is:

Offset 0 (word): width

Offset 2 (word): height Offset 4 to 17: set to the segment name (cstr), only if flag bit 2 is set

Fn \$8D Sub \$34

wScrollWin

BX: window or bitmap

CX: address of offset structure  
Identical to wScrollRect with the rectangle structure set to

(0, 0, width,  
height).

Fn \$8D Sub \$35

wDrawTextCursor

BX: window

CX: address of text cursor informationAs wTextCursor, but the properties byte is ignored and treated as zero.

Fn \$8D Sub \$36

wInvalidateRect

BX: window

CX: address of a standard rectangle structureAdd the rectangle to the update region of the window. This will generate a redraw event if necessary.

Fn \$8D Sub \$37

wBeginRedraw

BX: window

CX: address of a standard rectangle structureValidate the window for redrawing (see wBeginRedrawWin) with the update region set to the rectangle.

Fn \$8D Sub \$38

wValidateRect

BX: window

CX: address of a standard rectangle structureValidate the indicated rectangle of the window (causing all pixels to be set or cleared if the background mode is 1 or 2 - this applies to black and grey separately), and remove that rectangle from the update region of the window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$B9

gSaveBit fails

BX: (cstr) filename

CX: bitmap identifier, window identifier, or zeroWrites a bitmap to the named file. A window identifier must be for a window with a background redraw method of 3, in which case its off-screen bitmap is used. Zero for the bitmap causes the entire screen to be saved. If the window off-screen bitmap, or the screen, has a grey plane then a double-plane bitmap is written.

Fn \$8D Sub \$3A

gClrRect cgc

BX: standard rectangle structure

CX: 0=set, 1=clear, 2=invert

Sets, clears, or inverts all pixels in the specified rectangle.

Fn \$8D Sub \$3B

wCallDYL

BX: dyl identifier

CX: function number

DX: number of bytes of data to be passed

DI: address of data to be passed  
Call a function in a DYL loaded into the window server that has no result.

Fn \$8D Sub \$BC

wCallDYLreply fails

AX: -> result

BX: dyl identifier

CX: function number

DX: number of bytes of data to be passed

DI: address of data to be passed

SI: address of area to store a result in  
Call a function in a DYL loaded into the window server that has a result. The main result is returned in AX (a negative value is a failure), and other data

(depending on the function) may be written into the area pointed to by SI.

Fn \$8D Sub \$BD

wSetWinBitmap fails

AX: -> sequence identifier

BX: window

CX: number of bitmaps (1 to 12)

DX: address of a sequence of information blocks  
Attaches an animated sequence of bitmaps to the background of a window. Each time the background changes the client will be sent a redraw event unless an appropriate background mode has been selected. There must be an information block for each bitmap in the sequence; the blocks are immediately adjacent in memory. Each block has the form:

Offset 0 (word): bitmap identifier    Offset 2 (word): x coordinate of location in the window to display bitmap

Offset 4 (word): y coordinate of location in the window to display bitmap    Offsets 6 to 13: standard rectangle structure giving the part of the bitmap

to be displayed    Offset 14 (byte): graphics mode used to copy

bitmap

(0=set, 1=clear, 2=invert, 4=copy with background) Offset 15 (byte): plane

to write to (0=white, 128=grey) (v4 only) Offset 16 (long): delay in 0.1 seconds before next  
bitmap is shown

Fn \$8D Sub \$3E

wChangeWinBitmap

BX: bitmap sequence identifier

CX: position of bitmap (0 to 11)

DX: address of an information block  
Replace the appropriate bitmap in a sequence (see  
wSetWinBitmap) with the new  
information in the block.

Fn \$8D Sub \$BF

wEscapeon

@@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$40

@@@ RConnect

Fn \$8D Sub \$C1

wEscapeoff

@@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$C2

wGetWindowPosition v3 @@@@ ???? [ was = GetPosition] fails

AX: -> position

BX: window

Returns the position of the window in its sibling list (the windows with the same parent). Has  
the side effects of wCheckPoint.

Fn \$8D Sub \$C3

gSaveRect fails

BX: (cstr) filename

CX: bitmap identifier, window identifier, or zero

DX: standard rectangle structure  
Saves a rectangle from a bitmap, backed-up window, or the  
screen (see  
gSaveBit for details).

Fn \$8D Sub \$44

wReassignRootWindow v3

BX: window (0 = screen)  
All future calls within this client will treat the specified window  
as it it

were the whole screen (e.g. this window will be the parent for those whose parent is specified as

0).

Fn \$8D Sub \$C5

wCaptureKey v3 fails

BX: keycode

CX: modifier state

DX: modifier maskCaptures certain key combinations; from now on, these key presses will be sent

to this client whether or not it is in the foreground. The key combinations captured are those that will generate the specified keycode, and for which those modifiers given in DX have the value given in CX (all other bits in CX must be clear). For example, to only depend on the settings of shift and

control:

shift	control	CX	DX
up	up	0	6
up	down	4	6
up	either	0	2
down	up	2	6
down	down	6	6
down	either	2	2
either	up	0	4
either	down	4	4

either either 0 0 (if CX is not 0, nothing is captured)

However, it should be borne in mind that most modifier combinations affect the keycode as well. The call fails if the same combination is already captured; if two different combinations capture the same key, the client that made the earlier request receives the event.

Fn \$8D Sub \$C6

wCancelCaptureKey v3 fails

BX: keycode

CX: modifier state

DX: modifier maskCancels a call to wCaptureKey with identical arguments. The call fails if the client has not captured this combination.

Fn \$8D Sub \$47

wSystemModal v3

BX: position in task list (0 = front) Makes the current client system modal and sets its position in the task list. Task switching only applies to clients that are in front of the

frontmost

system modal task.

Fn \$8D Sub \$48

wCancelSystemModal v3

BX: position in task list (0 = front) Cancels a call to wSystemModal and re-positions the client.

Fn \$8D Sub \$49

gBorder v3 cgc

BX: border type Draws a border just inside the window or bitmap of the current graphics context. The border type is:

Bit 0: if set, draw the border 1 pixel from the edge Bit 1: set for 4 pixel corner, clear for 1 or 2 pixel corner

Bits 2 to 4: allowance for shadow

0 = no shadow

1 = remove (but leave space for) single width shadow 2 = remove (but leave space for)

double width shadow

5 = draw single width shadow

6 = draw double width shadow

Bit 5: set for special top-of-menu border Bit 6: set for 1 pixel corner, clear for 2 or 4 pixel corner

Bit 7: remove any arrow at top right, and repair the border Bit 8: remove any arrow at bottom right, and repair the border

Bit 9: include an arrow at top right

Bit 10: include an arrow at bottom right

Fn \$8D Sub \$4A

gBorderRect v3 cgc

BX: standard rectangle structure

CX: border type Draws a border just inside the indicated rectangle. The border type is as for gBorder.

Fn \$8D Sub \$4B

gXPrintText v3 cgc

BX: x coordinate of starting point

CX: y coordinate of baseline

DX: (text) string

DI: length of string (maximum 244)

SI: embellishments Prints the text, as gPrintText in mode 4 (copy with background), but with embellishments:

0 = none

1 = inverted

2 = inverted except the four corners

4 = underlined

8 = inverted and no descenders      9 = inverted except the four corners, and no

descenders

12 = underlined and no descenders  
Embellishments with "no descenders" stop on the row below the baseline, on the assumption that no characters in the string descend below that point.

Fn \$8D Sub \$4C

gInvObloid v3 cgc

BX: address of information block  
Inverts all the pixels, except the four corner pixels, of the rectangle

specified by the block:

Offset 0 (word): left edge

Offset 2 (word): top edge

Offset 4 (word): width

Offset 6 (word): height

Fn \$8D Sub \$4D

wEnablePauseKey v3  
Allows the program to be paused by the user by pressing CTRL-S; this is initially turned on. When paused, the window server will not process any requests from the client (they will be held until the pause is released by pressing any key).

Fn \$8D Sub \$CE

wDisablePauseKey v3

Disallow the program from being paused by the use of CTRL-S.

Fn \$8D Sub \$4F

wsEnable

Turns on the permanent status window. This lies behind any other windows of this client and so, to be seen, all overlaying windows must be resized or moved.

Fn \$8D Sub \$50

wsDisable

Turns off the permanent status window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$51

wInformOn v3.5  
Instructs the window server to send WM\_ON events when the client is in the foreground.

Fn \$8D Sub \$52

wsUpdate

BX: reason (1 = name, 2 = time)Updates the contents of the status window to reflect a change elsewhere.

A reason of "name" means that the process name has changed; a reason of "time" indicates that the clock format has changed.

Fn \$8D Sub \$D3

wsCreateClock fails

AX: -> clock identifier

BX: window

CX: flags

DX: x coordinate

SI: difference in minutes between clock and system time @@@

DI: y coordinateCreates a clock. See wsCreateClock2, which includes all the functionality of this call together with additional features.

Fn \$8D Sub \$54

wsSetClock

BX: clock identifier

CX: difference in minutes between clock and system timeChanges the difference between clock and system time for a clock.

Fn \$8D Sub \$D5

wSetBusyMsg

eBX: (cstr) text to be displayed

CX: location and delay:

Bits 0-5: delay in half seconds before displaying

Bit 6: 0 = top, 1 = bottom

Bit 7: 0 = left, 1 = rightWaits for the required time (during which another call can cancel the

previous request) and then displays the text, flashing, in the indicated corner; the text remains until replaced or cancelled (by an empty string). Equivalent to the BUSY keyword. The text is limited to 20 characters.

Fn \$8D Sub \$56

wsDisableTemp

Disable the display of a temporary status window via the PSION-MENU keypress. This is a system-wide setting and is initially on.

Fn \$8D Sub \$57

wsEnableTemp

Enable the display of a temporary status window via the PSION-MENU keypress. This is a system-wide setting and is initially on.

Fn \$8D Sub \$D8

wSystem

BX: settings to be changed

CX: new values for settingsChanges settings within the window server (thus affecting all clients). For

each bit that is set in BX, the property is set to the corresponding bit in CX. The meanings of the bits are:

Bit @: do not restart the shell (SYS\$SHLL) when the window server terminates Bit @: do not restart the notifier (SYS\$NTFY) when the window server terminates (v4 only)

Bit @: attempt to become the notifier process [H4] Bit @: if the window server is also the notifier, do not report processes

which terminate abnormally Bit @: send task update events to the shell when any process terminates [H4] Bit @: test battery and display low battery warnings if necessary each time

the machine is switched on [H4] Bit @: report clients that are failing to respond to events [H4]

Bit @: disable low battery indicator in the status window [v4] Bit @: disable SSD indicators in the status window [v4]

Bit @: disable link indicator in the status window [v4] Bit @: disable caps lock indicator in the status window [v4] Those bits marked [H4] apply only to HC machines and version 4 of the server;

Series 3t machines will act as if the bit is always set. Those marked [v4] apply only in version 4. The initial values of all settings are taken from the \$WS\_FL environment variable.

Fn \$8D Sub \$D9

wGetProcessList v3.5

SI: address of a 44 byte bufferThe buffer is filled with a list of all the processes connected to the windowserver; the list is in front-to-back order, and is terminated by a zero word.

Fn \$8D Sub \$DA

wSendCommand v3.5 fails

BX: process

CX: address of the first byte of the data

DX: number of bytes of data (1 to 127)Sends command data to the specified process. The

process will receive a  
WM\_COMMAND event, and should then call wGetCommand.

Fn \$8D Sub \$DB

wGetCommand v3.5 fails

SI: address of a 127 byte buffer  
Reads the last command data sent by wSendCommand into the  
buffer. Only one  
pending command is held.

Fn \$8D Sub \$5C

wTextCursor

BX: window

CX: address of text cursor information  
Make the text cursor visible if it is not, and move it  
to the window and

location given. The information is:

Offset 0 (word): x coordinate of baseline

Offset 2 (word): y coordinate of left edge

Offset 4 (byte): height of cursor

Offset 5 (byte): distance from baseline to top of cursor

Offset 6 (byte): width

Offset 7 (byte): properties (v4 only)

Bit 0: clear=rectangle, set=rounded

Bit 1: clear=flashing, set=steady

Bit 2: clear=black, set=grey  
The distance from baseline to cursor top is 2's complement  
signed. That is, 0 means the top is the baseline, 1 means it is the pixel above, 255 means the  
pixel below, and so on.

Fn \$8D Sub \$DD

wAppKeyHandler

@@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$DE

wInfoMsgCorner

eBX: (cstr) text to be displayed

CX: location:

Bit 6: 0 = top, 1 = bottom

Bit 7: 0 = left, 1 = right  
Displays the text in the indicated corner for 2 to 2.5 seconds;

an empty

string clears any existing text. Equivalent to the GIPRINT keyword. The text is limited to 64  
characters.

gSetOpenAddress

Fn \$8D Sub \$5F

BX: 0=cancel, 1=direct, 2=indirect long, 3=indirect word CX: file offset low word ???

it's declared as ULONG

DX: file offset high word ??? it's declared as ULONG

Modifies the next call to any of:

gInitBit

gOpenBit

gOpenFont

gOpenFontIndex

gOpenMouseIcon

to change the place within the file that reading starts; this is used where the font, bitmap, or icon file is embedded in another file. The meaning of BX is:

0: equivalent to BX=1, CX=0, DX=0

1: DX/CX is the starting position within the file 2: DX/CX is the position within the file of a long giving the start point 3: DX/CX is the position within the file of a word giving the start point

Fn \$8D Sub \$60

wDrawButton cgc

BX: standard rectangle structure

CX: (cstr) string in button (maximum length 240) DX: button state (0 = normal, 1 = pressed)

Draws a button containing a string.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E1

wSetTaskKey v3.5 fails

BX: keycode

CX: modifier state

DX: modifier mask Causes the relevant keypresses (see wCaptureKey) to be treated as the "task key". The task key causes the current foreground task to be moved to the back of the list. There can be any number of task keys. On the HC and MC, the TASKkey is preassigned as a task key; on the Series 3 SHIFT-SYSTEM is assigned by the shell process.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E2

wSetBackTaskKey v3.5 fails

BX: keycode

CX: modifiers

DX: modifier mask Identical to wSetTaskKey, except that it sets a "reverse task key" which

brings

the rearmost process to the foreground. On the Series 3 SHIFT-PSION-SYSTEM ispreassigned as the reverse task key.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E3

wCancelTaskKey v3.5 fails

BX: keycode

CX: modifiers

DX: modifier mask

Cancels a previous call to wSetTaskKey with the same arguments.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E4

wCancelBackTaskKey v3.5 fails

BX: keycode

CX: modifiers

DX: modifier mask

Cancels a previous call to wSetBackTaskKey with the same arguments.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E5

@@@ SwExt

Fn \$8D Sub \$E6

gOpenFontIndex v4 fails

AX: -> font identifier

@@: (cstr) filename

@@: font number within file (0 = first or only font)Opens the specified font from a multiple-font file.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E7

gInitBit v4 fails

AX: -> bitmap file handle

@@: (cstr) filename

@@: address of a wordOpens a file containing one or more bitmaps, ready for gGetBit and gDrawBit.

The word pointed to by @@ is set to the number of bitmaps in the file. Usingthis facility is more efficient than using gOpenBit several times.

Fn \$8D Sub \$E8

gGetBit v4 fails

@@: bitmap file handle

@@: bitmap number (0 = first or only)

@@: flags

@@: address of an information blockLoads a bitmap from the file given by the handle (which

must have been

returned by gInitBit). The other parameters are as for gOpenBit. Manual says returns 0. gOpenBit returns a bitmap identifier !

Fn \$8D Sub \$E9

gDrawBit v4 fails cgc

@@: address of point definition block

@@: bitmap file handle

@@: standard rectangle structure

@@: mode (see gFillPattern)

@@: bitmap number (0 = first or only) Copies a rectangle from a bitmap in a file to the window or bitmap given by the current graphics context. Effectively does gGetBit, gCopyBit, and then

wFree on the bitmap, only much more efficiently.

Fn \$8D Sub \$EA

gQueryBit v4 fails

@@: bitmap file handle

@@: bitmap number (0 = first or only)

@@: address of 4 byte buffer

The buffer is filled with the size of the specified bitmap:

Offset 0: width

Offset 2: height

Fn \$8D Sub \$6B

wsStatusWindow v4

BX: window format (0 = off, 1 = small, 2 = large, 3 = Series 3t) Sets the format of the status window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$6C

wInformOnAll v4

@@: new state (0 = don't send, 1 = send) Instructs the window server to send or not send WM\_ON events.

Fn \$8D Sub \$ED

wsCreateClock2 v4 fails

AX: -> clock identifier

BX: address of clock information CX: (cstr) clock format for type 5 clocks, must be 0 for all others

Creates a clock, which will then tick automatically. The clock information has the following form:

Offset 0 (word): window

Offset 2 (word): clock type

- 0 = Series 3t small digital
- 1 = Series 3t medium variable (36 x 32 pixels)
- 2 = Series 3t large analogue (66 x 60 pixels)
- 3 = Series 3a medium variable (58 x 51 pixels)
- 4 = Series 3a large analogue (99 x 99 pixels)
- 5 = Formatted digital (v4 only)
- 6 = Series 3c/Siena medium variable
- 7 = Series 3c large analogue

Offset 4 (word): x coordinate of position

Offset 6 (word): y coordinate of position    Offset 8 (word): difference in minutes between clock and system time

Offset 10 (word): flags [apply only to the types in brackets]    Bit 4: display the date [0, 1, 3]

- Bit 5: display seconds [0, 2, 3 (analogue), 4]
- Bit 6: force analogue [1, 3]
- Bit 7: force digital [1, 3]    Bit 8: add AM/PM indicator if system is in 12 hour mode [0, 1]
- Bit 9: centre text within space added when bit 8 set [0]    Bit 10: add AM/PM indicator if system is in 12 hour mode [0, 1 (digital)]
- Bit 10: @@@ CLOCK\_WITH\_DATE\_EXTRA
- Bit 11: use grey plane [0, 1, 2, 5?]
- Bit 12: @@@ DBL\_PLANE
- Bit 13: right align [@@@]
- Bit 14: @@@ SUMMER\_TIME
- Bit 15: enclose in a box [5]

Offset 12 (word): font (type 5 only)

Offset 14 (word): style (type 5 only)

- Bit 0: bold
- Bit 1: underline
- Bit 2: inverse
- Bit 3: double height
- Bit 4: monospacedClock types described as "variable" can be either digital or analogue according to the system settings or additional bits. For type 5 clocks, the format string @@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$EE

#### wSetPriorityControl v4

BX: new state (0 = off, 1 = on) Sets server-controlled priority handling. When on, the server will change the priority of a process to 112 when it is in the background or has called wStartCompute, and 128 when in the foreground. The client must not set its own priority when this is on.

Fn \$8D Sub \$EF

#### gConfigureFonts v4 fails

AX: -> font group identifier

@@: number of fonts

@@: address of a sequence of information blocks Creates a font group, which is a set of fonts intended for use in various styles (for example, roman, bold, italic, and bold-italic versions of a

basic font would be combined to form a font group). There must be an information block for each font in the group; the blocks are immediately adjacent in memory. Each block has the form:

Offset 0 (word): font

Offset 2 (word): style of this font

Offset 4 (word): style to be applied to this font

Offset 6 (word): vertical adjustment When using a font group and a style for output, the following process is used. The "best" block is set to the first block. The list of blocks is then scanned

in order; whenever a block is found where all the styles in offset 2 are part of the required style \*and\* include all the styles in offset 2 of the best block, that block becomes the best block. When all blocks have been scanned, the font in offset 0 of the best block is selected, the styles in offset 2 are removed from those to be used, and then the styles in offset 4 are added.

The

resulting styles are applied to the font, and the text is moved vertically by the distance given in offset 6.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F0

wInquireStatusWindow v4 AX: -> current format (0 = off, 1 = small, 2 = large, 3 = Series 3t)

BX: format of interest (as for AX, or -1 for current format) SI: address of 8 byte buffer

The buffer is filled in with the coordinates the status window would have if it had the indicated format; the current format is also returned.

The contents of the buffer are:

Offset 0 (word): x coordinate of left edge

Offset 2 (word): y coordinate of top edge

Offset 4 (word): width

Offset 6 (word): height(When the window is off, it has zero width but full height, at the right hand edge of the screen.)

Fn \$8D Sub \$F1

wInquireCompatibility

AX: -> compatibility flagReturns the state of the Compatibility mode. See wCompatibilityMode for details.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F2

gReadFontHeader v4 fails

AX: -> length of header actually read (up to 128)

@@: (cstr) filename

@@: font number within file (0 = first or only font)

@@: address of 128 byte buffer

The font header of the specified font is read into the buffer.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F3

gReadFontGroupHeader v4 fails

AX: -> length of header actually read (up to 126)

@@: (cstr) filename

@@: address of 128 byte bufferThe file must be a multiple font file. The number of fonts is placed in the

word at offset 0 of the buffer, and the font group header is read into the rest of the buffer.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F4

wSetSystemFont v4 fails

@@: system font to be set

@@: font, font group, or internal font identifier    @@: text style (internal fonts only)

Changes the font in use for one of the four standard system fonts.    0 = Series 3a system font

1 = Series 3t compatibility system font

2 = Series 3a internal font

3 = Series 3t compatibility internal font

Fn \$8D Sub \$F5

wSetSprite v4 fails

@@: sprite identifier    @@: address of a position structure, or 0 to leave it in the same place

@@: number of bitmap set to change (0 = first set in the sequence)    @@: address of an

information block, or 0 if all sets remain unchanged. Moves the sprite, or change a bitmap set, or both. The position structure and information block, if provided, have the same format as for `wCreateSprite`.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F6

`wCreateSprite` v4 fails

AX: -> sprite identifier

@@: window

@@: address of a position structure    @@: child window behaviour (0=sprite over windows, 1=sprite under windows)

@@: number of bitmap sets in the sprite    @@: address of a sequence of information blocks

Attaches an animated sequence of bitmap sets to a window as a sprite; the sprite will appear in front of everything else in the window. Only one window of a client may have a sprite at any time. The position structure gives the initial position of the sprite:

Offset 0 (word): x coordinate

Offset 2 (word): y coordinate. There must be an information block for each bitmap set in the sequence; the

blocks are immediately adjacent in memory. Each block has the form: Offset 0 (word): bitmap for black pixels to be set

Offset 2 (word): bitmap for black pixels to be cleared    Offset 4 (word): bitmap for black pixels to be inverted

Offset 6 (word): bitmap for grey pixels to be set    Offset 8 (word): bitmap for grey pixels to be cleared

Offset 10 (word): bitmap for grey pixels to be inverted    Offset 12 (word): x coordinate of bitmap position relative to the sprite    Offset 14 (word): y coordinate of bitmap position relative to the sprite    Offset 16 (long): delay in 0.1 seconds before next bitmap set is shown

Any of the bitmaps can be 0 to indicate that there is no such bitmap. All non-zero bitmaps must be the same size.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F7

`wsSetList` v4 fails

BX: number of strings in the new list (or -1 to show an icon)

eCX: an array of cstrs    DX: position in list to be selected (0 = first string, -1 = none)

Sets the "mode", or "diamond" list in the status window. CX should hold the address of an array of words, each of which holds the address of the start of a cstr. If BX is -1, the list is replaced by the application

icon; in this case CX and DX are ignored.

Fn \$8D Sub \$F8

wsSelectList v4

BX: position in list to be selected (0 = first string, -1 = none) Sets the position of the diamond in the status window.

Fn \$8D Sub \$79

gShadowText v4 cgc

@@: x coordinate of starting point

@@: y coordinate of baseline

@@: address of information block

@@: (text) string

@@: length of string (maximum 234) Prints the text, ignoring the text mode, but applying shadow and lighting

effects according to the information block: Offset 0 (byte): body colour ) 0 = black, 1 = white

Offset 1 (byte): shadow colour ) 2 = grey, 3 = none Offset 2 (byte): light colour ) 4 = dark grey, 5 = light grey

Offset 4 (word): link to shadow (0 = disconnected, 1 = connected) Offset 6 (word): shadow effect width

Offset 8 (word): shadow effect height

Offset 10 (word): lighting effect width

Offset 12 (word): lighting effect height Offset 14 (word): additional horizontal gap between characters

Fn \$8D Sub \$7A

gDrawObject v4 cgc

@@: object type

@@: standard rectangle structure

@@: flags

Draws a special object just inside the specified rectangle. Available object types are:

0 = 3-dimensional box

and the available flags are:

Bit 1: set for 4 pixel corner, clear for 1 or 2 pixel corner

Bit 3: double thickness

Bit 6: set for 1 pixel corner, clear for 2 or 4 pixel corner

Fn \$8D Sub \$7B

gBorder2 v4 cgc

@@: 0 = as gBorder, 1 = black/white/grey 3-D effect

@@: border type Draws a border as gBorder, except that it can also generate a 3-D effect on

screens with grey available. @@@ arrows are not documented as available

Fn \$8D Sub \$7C

gBorder2Rect v4 cgc

@@: 0 = as gBorderRect, 1 = black/white/grey 3-D effect @@: standard rectangle structure

@@: border typeDraws a border as gBorderRect, except that it can also generate a 3-D effect on screens with grey available. @@@ arrows are not documented as available

Fn \$8D Sub \$FD

wCompatibilityMode

BX: new state (0 = off, 1 = on) SI: \*the same\* pointer to a WSERV\_SPEC structure as for

wConnect @@@@Changes the compatibility mode state. When the mode is off, drawing is done in the usual way. When it is on, drawing is done in double pixel mode on those machines that support it. The initial state is off.

Fn \$8D Sub \$7E AL \$00

wDrawButton2 v4 cgc

@@: standard rectangle structure

@@: (cstr) string in button (maximum length 240) @@: button type (0 = Series 3t, 1 = Series 3a)

@@: button state (0 = normal, 1 = pressed, 2 = deeply pressed)Draws a button containing a string. Series 3a buttons require the window to have a grey plane. Series 3t buttons must not be deeply pressed.

Fn \$8D Sub \$7E AL \$01

@@@ InformInactivity

Fn \$8D Sub \$7E AL \$02

wDisableKeyClick v4

BX: 0 = enable, 1 = disable

Enables or disables key clicks for the current process.

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$00

gInitMultiSave v4 fails

AX: -> multisave file handle

@@: (cstr) filename

@@: number of bitmapsCreates a file capable of holding the specified number of bitmaps, for use with

gSaveMultiBit and gSaveMultiRect.

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$01

gSaveMultiBit v4 fails

@@: multisave file handle

@@: bitmap identifier, or zero for the whole screen Saves the specified bitmap as the next bitmap in the multisave file created by gInitMultiSave. If the save fails, all further saves to the file will also

fail (but the file must still be closed with gEndMultiSave).

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$02

gSaveMultiRect v4 fails

@@: multisave file handle

@@: bitmap identifier, or zero for the whole screen @@: address of a standard rectangle structure

Saves a rectangle from the specified bitmap as the next bitmap in the multisavefile, as for gSaveMultiBit.

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$03

gEndMultiSave v4 fails

@@: multisave file handle

Closes the multisave file, making it unavailable for further saves.

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$04

gInquireChecksum v4

@@: bitmap identifier, window identifier, or zero

@@: address of a wordChecksums the specified bitmap and writes the checksum to the word pointed to

by @@. A window identifier must be for a window with a background redrawmethod of 3, in which case its off-screen bitmap is used. Zero for the bitmap

causes the entire screen to be checksummed.

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$05

gCreateFontHeader

@@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$FF AL \$06

wSupportInfo v4

@@: address of a 32 byte bufferThe buffer is filled in with information about supported features:

Offset 0 (word): flags

Bit 0: set if grey is available Bit 1: set if Series 3t compatibility mode is available

The remaining flag bits, and the rest of the buffer, is currently set to 0.

@@@@@@@@

Fn \$8D Sub \$@@

wsScreenExt

@@: address of 8 byte bufferThe buffer is filled in with the size of the screen \*excluding\* the current status window. The format of the buffer is as for wInquireStatusWindow,which should be used for preference.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$00 (wConnect) is used to connect to the window server. AllOPL programs, and all programs using the console device CON: are connected automatically, and must not use this call.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$01  
gPlayback

@@: @@@@

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Fn \$D6 Sub \$02  
gCloseMetafile

@@: @@@@

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Fn \$D6 Sub \$03  
gRecordToMetafile

@@: @@@@

@@: @@@@

@@: @@@@

@@@

Fn \$D6 Sub \$04  
wFlush

Sends any buffered commands to the server.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$05  
wCloseDown

@@@

Fn \$D6 Sub \$06  
wSelect

@@: @@@@

@@@

Fn \$D6 Sub \$07  
wPanic

@@: @@@@

@@@

Fn \$D6 Sub \$08  
wGetEvent

@@: address of a 16 byte buffer@@@ This is async. How does the sync version work ? Is it vsync ?

This call may be made synchronously or asynchronously. If made synchronously, it waits until the window server sends an event to the process, and then copies the event into the buffer. If called asynchronously, it writes the value -46 into the word at offset 0 of the buffer and returns; when an event is sent from the window server, it is written to the buffer and the I/O semaphore is signalled. Further information about events is given below.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$09

wDisconnect

Disconnects from the window server and frees all associated resources. All programs are automatically disconnected upon exit, so this call is generally not used by the programmer.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$0A

wCheckPoint fails

Sends any buffered commands to the server (as wFlush) and reports any errors immediately (see wDisableLeaves).

Fn \$D6 Sub \$0B

gTextWidth fails

AX: -> width in pixels

DX: font or font group

SI: style adjustments

DI: (text) string

CX: length of string Returns the width in pixels of the specified string when displayed in the specified font and style adjustments. The latter are:

Bit 0: bold

Bit 1: underline

Bit 2: inverse

Bit 3: double height

Bit 4: monospaced

Bit 5: italic

Bit 8: subscript

Bit 9: superscript

Fn \$D6 Sub \$0C

gFontInfo fails

DX: font or font group

CX: style adjustments (see gTextWidth)

DI: address of 32 byte buffer Fills the buffer with information about the font modified by

the style:

Offset 0 (word): minimum character code

Offset 2 (word): maximum character code

Offset 4 (word): height (affected by style)

Offset 6 (word): ascent (affected by style)

Offset 8 (word): descent (affected by style)    Offset 10 (word): width of a digit (affected by style)

Offset 12 (word): width of widest common character (affected by style)    Offset 14 (word):

flags:

Bit 0: contains standard ASCII

Bit 1: contains IBM code page 850

Bit 2: looks bold

Bit 3: looks italic

Bit 4: has serifs

Bit 5: monospaced

Bit 6: has a "hang table" @@@@

Offset 16 to 31: nameThe widest common character is usually an M or W, and is not necessarily the

widest character in the font.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$0D

wDisableLeaves

AX: -> previous value of the flag

@@: error handling flagSets the error handling mechanism used by the window server calls. If the

flag is zero, then an error in a command calls the "leave" operation. If it is non-zero, calls that can fail return an error number in AX. The initial setting is zero; OPL programs should always make it non-zero.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$0E

gCheckBitmapID v3 fails

@@: bitmap identifierSucceeds (returning 0) if the bitmap identifier is valid. Fails otherwise.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$0F

@@@ Alert

Fn \$D6 Sub \$10

@@@ AlertCancel

Fn \$D6 Sub \$11

gTextCount fails

AX: -> number of characters

DX: font or font group

SI: style adjustments (see gTextWidth)

DI: (text) string

CX: length of string

@@: address of a word holding the available width AX is set to the length of the longest initial substring that will fit in the number of pixels stored in the word pointed to by @@ when displayed in the specified font and style adjustments (see gTextWidth). The word is altered to hold the number of pixels that would be left over.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$12

gGetWidthTable fails

DX: font or font group

SI: style adjustments (see gTextWidth)

DI: address of a buffer Fills the buffer with the widths of each character in the font as adjusted.

The first byte of the buffer corresponds to the minimum character code, and the last byte to the maximum character code (see gFontInfo).

Fn \$D6 Sub \$13

wGetEventSpecial v4

@@: address of a 16 byte buffer

@@: event type mask Starts looking asynchronously for an event as wGetEvent, but only accepts events of specific types. @@@ what happens to the rest ? @@@ based on the event type mask:

Bit 0: key and task key events

Bit 1: redraw events

Bit 2: foreground, background, and power on events

Bit 3: mouse and rubber band events

Bit 4: all other events

Bit 15: escape events Calling wGetEvent is equivalent to calling this function with a mask of \$1F.

Escape events are sent only if key events are not selected; in this case, if the ESC key is pressed, all pending keystrokes are thrown away and the client is sent an escape event.

Fn \$D6 Sub \$14

wGetEventUpdate v4

@@: event type mask If there is an asynchronous call to wGetEvent or wGetEventSpecial outstanding, it changes the mask specifying the events being looked for. If no call is

outstanding, it has no effect.

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