



This is part of **Family API** which allow to create dual-os version of program runs under OS/2 and DOS

**Note:** This is legacy API call. It is recommended to use 32-bit equivalent

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# KbdOpen

This call creates a new logical keyboard.

## Syntax

```
KbdOpen (KbdHandle)
```

## Parameters

- KbdHandle (PHKBD) - output : Address of the logical keyboard.

## Return Code

rc (USHORT) - return:Return code descriptions are:

- 0 NO\_ERROR
- 440 ERROR\_KBD\_NO\_MORE\_HANDLE
- 441 ERROR\_KBD\_CANNOT\_CREATE\_KCB
- 464 ERROR\_KBD\_DETACHED
- 504 ERROR\_KBD\_EXTENDED\_SG

## Remarks

KbdOpen blocks while another thread has the keyboard focus (by way of [KbdGetFocus](#)) until the thread with the focus issues [KbdFreeFocus](#). Therefore, to prevent KbdOpen from blocking, it is recommended that KbdOpen be issued only while the current thread has the focus. For example:

```
KbdGetFocus : wait until focus available on handle 0  
KbdOpen : get a logical keyboard handle  
KbdOpen : get another logical keyboard handle  
KbdOpen : get yet another logical keyboard handle
```

KbdFreeFocus : give up the focus on handle 0.

## Bindings

### C

```
#define INCL_KBD

USHORT rc = KbdOpen(KbdHandle);
PHKBD KbdHandle; /* Keyboard handle */

USHORT rc; /* return code */
```

### MASM

```
EXTRN KbdOpen:FAR
INCL_KBD EQU 1

PUSH@ WORD KbdHandle ;Keyboard handle
CALL KbdOpen

Returns WORD
```

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DOS	Process Manager	DosBeep DosExit DosSleep DosExecPgm
	File Manager	DosChDir DosChgFilePtr DosClose DosDelete DosDupHandle DosMkDir DosMove DosQCurDir DosQCurDisk DosSetFileMode DosOpen DosQFileInfo DosRead DosQFileMode DosQFSInfo DosQVerify DosRmDir DosSelectDisk DosFindClose DosFindFirst DosFindNext DosSetFileInfo DosSetVerify DosWrite DosFileLocks DosSetFHandState DosNewSize DosBufReset DosQFHandState DosSetFSinfo
	Memory Manager	DosFreeSeg DosSubAlloc DosSubFree DosSubSet DosAllocHuge DosAllocSeg DosReallocHuge DosReallocSeg DosGetHugeShift DosCreateCSAlias
	NLS	DosCaseMap DosGetCtryInfo DosGetDBCSEv DosSetCtryCode DosGetCollate DosGetMessage DosInsMessage DosPutMessage
	Date and Time	DosSetDateTime DosGetDateTime
	Devices	DosDevConfig DosDevIOCtl DosDevIOCtl2
	Signals	DosHoldSignal DosSetSigHandler
	Misc	BadDynLink DosGetEnv DosGetMachineMode DosGetVersion DosError DosErrClass DosSetVec
KBD		KbdCharIn KbdFlushBuffer KbdGetStatus KbdSetStatus KbdStringIn KbdPeek
VIO		VioGetBuf VioGetConfig VioGetCurPos VioGetCurType VioGetPhysBuf VioReadCellStr VioReadCharStr VioScrollUp VioScrollDn VioScrollLf VioScrollRt VioScrUnLock VioSetCurPos VioSetCurType VioSetMode VioGetMode VioShowBuf VioWrtCellStr VioWrtCharStr VioWrtCharStrAtt VioWrtNAttr VioWrtNCell VioWrtNChar VioWrtTTY VioScrLock VioPopUp

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Libraries	<a href="#">API.LIB</a> <a href="#">OS2386.LIB</a> <a href="#">FAPI.LIB</a> <a href="#">DOSCALLS.LIB</a> <a href="#">SUBCALLS.LIB</a>

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