## NextZXOS API (Updated 19 Aug 2018)

This document describes the **NextZXOS API**, which directly descends from the **+3DOS API** present in the *Sinclair ZX Spectrum* +2A/+2B/+3 and the **IDEDOS API** additionally provided with the *ZX Spectrum* +3e ROMs.

It also describes the provided **esxDOS**-compatible API, which is compatible with esxDOS 0.8.x, but contains several enhancements.

This should be read in conjunction with the other documents:
 NextBASIC file-related commands and features
 NextBASIC new commands and features
 NextZXOS Editor features
 NextZXOS Unimplemented features

A list of updates made to this document is now provided at the end.

#### Available APIs

NextZXOS provides 2 distinct and separate APIs:

- a +3DOS-compatible API, providing the main NextZXOS API
- an esxDOS-compatible API, providing file-based calls for SD card access

The +3DOS-compatible API descends directly from the original +3DOS, provided with the Sinclair ZX Spectrum +3/+2A/+2B.

The **esxDOS**-compatible API is provided by a thin layer on top of +3DOS, and is compatible with esxDOS 0.8.x, with some additional facilities such as support for long filenames (LFNs), wildcards in filenames, enhanced dot command features and a low-overhead file streaming facility.

Both APIs provide general file-access calls. The **esxDOS**-compatible API is generally easier to use, but lacks the ability to access files on filesystems which are not FAT16/32 (such as the RAMdisk, and mounted CP/M and +3 disk images). It also lacks some of the more advanced features of the **+3DOS**-compatible API, such as bank allocation, BASIC command execution and filebrowser dialogs.

The **+3DOS**-compatible API is described in the first section of the following pages, with the **esxDOS**-compatible API described in second section.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

When calling either the **+3DOS**-compatible or **esxDOS**-compatible API, make sure you have not left layer 2 writes enabled (ie bit 0 of port \$123b should be zero when making any API call).

This is important because if layer 2 writes are left enabled, they can interfere with the operation of the system calls, which page in DivMMC RAM to the same region of memory (\$0000-\$3fff).

It is perfectly okay to leave layer 2 turned on and displayed (with bit 1 of port \$123b) during API calls; only the writes need to be disabled.

#### The +3DOS-compatible API

The +3DOS-compatible API provides most of the facilities available on both the original +3/+2A/+2B, and the later +3e ROMs, with many additional facilities specific to the Next.

To make a +3DOS API call, you must first ensure that the memory bank configuration is set up correctly (with ROM 2 selected at the bottom of memory, RAM bank 7 at the top of memory and the stack located below \$BFE0).

Once this is done, call the address indicated in the API call. You then probably want to restore the memory configuration to normal (with ROM 3 selected at the bottom of memory, and RAM bank 0 at the top of memory).

Please note that a few calls require the memory configuration to be slightly different on entry (with RAM bank 0 at the top of memory); this is noted in the individual documentation for those calls, which are generally BASIC-releated (eg IDE\_STREAM\_\* and IDE\_BASIC).

Useful example code showing how to use the API is available in the original +3 manual (section "Calling +3DOS from BASIC"), online here:

http://www.worldofspectrum.org/ZXSpectrum128+3Manual/chapter8pt26.html

This document does not describe unchanged calls, which are available in these online documents:

http://www.worldofspectrum.org/ZXSpectrum128+3Manual/chapter8pt27.html http://www.worldofspectrum.org/zxplus3e/idedos.html

The following filesystem-related API calls are provided (\*=effects have changed since originally documented in +3 manual or on +3e website; %=new for NextZXOS):

DOS\_VERSION (\$0103) Get +3DOS issue and version numbers \*DOS\_OPEN (\$0106) Create and/or open a file DOS\_CLOSE (\$0109) Close a file DOS\_ABANDON (\$010C) Abandon a file Point at the header data for this file DOS\_REF\_HEAD (\$010F) DOS\_READ (\$0112) Read bytes into memory DOS\_WRITE (\$0115) Write bytes from memory DOS\_BYTE\_READ (\$0118) Read a byte DOS\_BYTE\_WRITE (\$011B) Write a byte \*DOS\_CATALOG (\$011E) Catalog disk directory \*DOS\_FREE\_SPACE (\$0121) Free space on disk DOS\_DELETE (\$0124) Delete a file DOS\_RENAME (\$0127) Rename a file DOS\_BOOT (\$012A) Boot an operating system or other program DOS\_SET\_DRIVE (\$012D) Set/get default drive DOS\_SET\_USER (\$0130) Set/get default user number \*DOS\_GET\_POSITION (\$0133) Get file pointer for random access DOS\_SET\_POSITION (\$0136) Set file pointer for random access \*DOS\_GET\_EOF (\$0139) Get end of file position for random access DOS\_GET\_1346 (\$013C) Get memory usage in pages 1, 3, 4, 6 DOS\_SET\_1346 (\$013F) Re-allocate memory usage in pages 1, 3, 4, 6 DOS\_FLUSH (\$0142) Bring disk up to date DOS\_SET\_ACCESS (\$0145) Change open file's access mode DOS SET ATTRIBUTES (\$0148) Change a file's attributes DOS\_SET\_MESSAGE (\$014E) Enable/disable error messages IDE\_VERSION (\$00A0) Get IDEDOS version number \*IDE\_SWAP\_OPEN (\$00D9) Open a swap partition Close a swap partition IDE\_SWAP\_CLOSE (\$00DC) IDE\_SWAP\_OUT (\$00DF) Write block to swap partition IDE\_SWAP\_IN (\$00E2) Read block from swap partition \*IDE\_SWAP\_EX (\$00E5) Exchange block with swap partition IDE\_SWAP\_POS (\$00E8) Get current block number in swap partition IDE\_SWAP\_MOVE (\$00EB) Set current block number in swap partition IDE\_SWAP\_RESIZE (\$00EE) Change block size of swap partition IDE\_PARTITION\_FIND (\$00B5) Find named partition \*IDE\_DOS\_MAP (\$00F1) Map drive to partition \*IDE\_DOS\_UNMAP (\$00F4) Unmap drive \*IDE\_DOS\_MAPPING (\$00F7) Get drive mapping \*IDE\_SNAPLOAD (\$00FD) Load a snapshot \*IDE\_PATH (\$01b1) Create, delete, change or get directory Get card capacity %IDE\_CAPACITY (\$01b4) %IDE\_GET\_LFN (\$01b7) Get long filename %IDE\_BROWSER (\$01ba) File browser %IDE\_MOUNT (\$01d2) Unmount/remount SD cards

The following non-filesystem-related API calls are provided:

IDE\_STREAM\_OPEN (\$0056) Open stream to a channel IDE\_STREAM\_CLOSE (\$0059) Close stream and attached channel IDE\_STREAM\_IN (\$005c) Get byte from current stream IDE\_STREAM\_OUT (\$005f) Write byte to current stream IDE\_STREAM\_PTR (\$0062) Get or set pointer information for current stream %IDE\_BANK (\$01bd) Allocate or free 8K banks in ZX or DivMMC memory %IDE\_BASIC (\$01c0) Execute a BASIC command line %IDE\_WINDOW\_LINEIN (\$01c3) Input line from current window stream %IDE\_WINDOW\_STRING (\$01c6) Output string to current window stream %IDE\_INTEGER\_VAR (\$01c9) Get or set NextBASIC integer variable %IDE\_RTC (\$01cc) Query the real-time-clock module %IDE\_DRIVER (\$01cf) Access the driver API

The following API calls are related to floppy drives and will not be useful for most software (included for legacy software use only):

DOS\_REF\_XDPB (\$0151) Point at XDPB for low level disk access DD\_L\_XDPB (\$0187) Initialise an XDPB from a disk specification DD\_L\_DPB (\$018A) Initialise a DPB from a disk specification

The following API calls are present but generally for system use only and not useful for games/applications:

DOS\_INITIALISE (\$0100) Initialise +3DOS IDE INTERFACE (\$00A3) Initialise card interfaces IDE\_INIT (\$00A6) Initialise IDEDOS IDE\_DRIVE (\$00A9) Get unit handle Low-level sector read \*IDE\_SECTOR\_READ (\$00AC) \*IDE\_SECTOR\_WRITE (\$00AF) Low-level sector write IDE\_PARTITON\_READ (\$00C4) Read a partition entry IDE\_PARTITION\_OPEN (\$00CD) Open a partition IDE\_PARTITION\_CLOSE (\$00D0) Close a partition Get number of open partitions IDE\_PARTITIONS (\$01a5)

The following API calls were previously available in +3DOS/IDEDOS but are now deprecated and will return an error of rc\_notimp:

DOS\_OPEN\_DRIVE (\$014B) Open a drive as a single file DOS\_MAP\_B (\$0154) Map B: onto unit 0 or 1 DD\_INTERFACE (\$0157) Is the floppy disk driver interface present? DD\_INIT (\$015A) Initialise disk driver DD\_SETUP (\$015D) Specify drive parameters DD\_SET\_RETRY (\$0160) Set try/retry count DD\_READ\_SECTOR (\$0163) Read a sector DD\_WRITE\_SECTOR (\$0166) Write a sector DD\_CHECK\_SECTOR (\$0169) Check a sector DD\_FORMAT (\$016C) Format a track DD\_READ\_ID (\$016F) Read a sector identifier DD\_TEST\_UNSUITABLE (\$0172) Test media suitability DD\_LOGIN (\$0175) Log in disk, initialise XDPB DD\_SEL\_FORMAT (\$0178) Pre-initialise XDPB for DD FORMAT DD\_ASK\_1 (\$017B) Is unit 1 (external drive) present? DD\_DRIVE\_STATUS (\$017E) Fetch drive status DD\_EQUIPMENT (\$0181) What type of drive? DD\_ENCODE (\$0184) Set intercept routine for copy protection DD\_L\_SEEK (\$018D) uPD765A seek driver DD\_L\_READ (\$0190) uPD765A read driver DD\_L\_WRITE (\$0193) uPD765A write driver DD\_L\_ON\_MOTOR (\$0196) Motor on, wait for motor-on time DD\_L\_T\_OFF\_MOTOR (\$0199) Start the motor-off ticker

DD\_L\_OFF\_MOTOR (\$019C) Turn the motor off

IDE\_FORMAT (\$00B2) Format a partition IDE\_PARTITION\_NEW (\$00B8) Create partition IDE\_PARTITION\_INIT (\$00BB) Initialise partition IDE\_PARTITION\_ERASE (\$00BE) Delete a partition IDE\_PARTITION\_RENAME (\$00C1) Rename a partition IDE\_PARTITION\_WRITE (\$00C7) Write a partition entry IDE\_PARTITION\_WINFO (\$00CA) Write type-specific partition information IDE\_PARTITION\_GETINFO (\$00D3) Get byte from type-specific partition information IDE\_PARTITION\_SETINFO (\$00D6) Set byte in type-specific partition information

IDE\_DOS\_UNPERMANENT (\$00FA) Remove permanent drive mapping

IDE\_IDENTIFY (\$01a2) Return IDE drive identity information

## **Updated calls**

The following calls have new/updated features, which are highlighted in GREEN. (Some changes are due to removed parameters which are not shown). **NOTE:** Calls for internal use only have not yet been included here.

As well as the changes described here, the following calls take a 16K page number in either C or B which indicates what memory should be present at 0.00.. ffff for the read/write operation. On the 0.00. may be used:

DOS\_READ (0112h)
DOS\_WRITE (0115h)
IDE\_SWAP\_OUT (00DFh)
IDE\_SWAP\_IN (00E2h)

It should additionally be noted that the <code>IDE\_STREAM\_\*</code> calls may corrupt the alternate register set, in addition to the effects on the standard register set noted for each individual call.

As well as describing additional features, DOS\_CATALOG contains additional text which clarifies points that are not obvious from the documentation in the original +3 manual.

# DOS\_OPEN 0106h (262)

Create and/or open a file

There is a choice of action depending on whether or not the file already exists. The choices are 'open action' or 'create action', and are specified in DE. If the file already exists, then the open action is followed; otherwise the create action is followed.

Open action

- 0. Error File already exists.
- 1. Open the file, read the header (if any). Position file pointer after header.
- 2. Open the file, ignore any header. Position file pointer at 000000h (0).
- 3. Assume given filename is 'filename.type'. Erase 'filename.BAK' (if it exists). Rename 'filename.type' to 'filename.BAK'. Follow create action.
- 4. Erase existing version. Follow create action.

#### Create action

- O. Error File does not exist.
- 1. Create and open new file with a header. Position file pointer after header.
- 2. Create and open new file without a header. Position file pointer at 000000h (0).

(Example: To simulate the tape action of... 'if the file exists open it, otherwise create it with a header', set open action = 1, create action = 1.)

(Example: To open a file and report an error if it does not exist, set open action = 1, create action = 0.)

(Example: To create a new file with a header, first renaming any existing version to '.BAK', set open action = 3, create action = 1.)

Files with headers have their EOF position recorded as the smallest byte position greater than all written byte positions.

Files without headers have their EOF position recorded as the byte at the start of the smallest 128 byte record position greater than all written record positions.

Soft-EOF is the character 1Ah (26) and is nothing to do with the EOF position, only the routine DOS BYTE READ knows about soft-EOF.

The header data area is 8 bytes long and may be used by the caller for any purpose whatsoever. If open action = 1, and the file exists (and has a header), then the header data is read from the file, otherwise the header data is zeroised. The header data is available even if the file does not have a header. Call DOS REF HEAD to access the header data.

Note that +3 BASIC makes use of the first 7 of these 8 bytes as follows:

+	0	1	2	;	3	4	5	6
Program   Numeric array   Character array   CODE or SCREENS	0 1 / 2	•	gth gth gth	•	n or 1	LINE name name	•	to prog xxx xxx xxx xxx

(xxx = doesn't matter)

If creating a file that will subsequently be LOADed within BASIC, then these bytes should be filled with the relevant values.

If the file is opened with exclusive-write or exclusive-read-write access (and the file has a header), then the header is updated when the file is closed.

A file that is already open for shared-read access on another file number may only be opened for shared-read access on this file number.

A file that is already open for exclusive-read or exclusive-write or exclusive-read-write access on another file number may not be opened on this file number.

If the open action is 1 or 2 and the create action is 0 (ie only an existing file is to be opened) then the filename may optionally contain the wildcard characters \* and ?. In this case, the first file that matches the wildcard will be opened.

## **ENTRY CONDITIONS**

B = File number 0...15

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C = Access mode required
                Bits 0...2 values:
                        1 = exclusive-read
                        2 = exclusive-write
                        3 = exclusive-read-write
                        5 = shared-read
                Bits 3...7 = 0 (reserved)
        D = Create action
        E = Open action
        HL = Address of filename (no wildcards, unless D=0 and E=1 or 2)
EXIT CONDITIONS
        If file newly created:
                Carry true
                Zero true
                A corrupt
        If existing file opened:
                Carry true
                Zero false
                A corrupt
        Otherwise:
                Carry false
                A = Error code
        Always:
                BC DE HL IX corrupt
                All other registers preserved
```

# DOS\_CATALOG 011Eh (286)

Fills a buffer with part of the directory.

The filename optionally specifies the drive, path, user and a (possibly ambiguous) filename (which may contain wildcard characters ? and \*).

Since the size of a directory is variable (and may be quite large), this routine permits the directory to be catalogued in a number of small sections. The caller passes a buffer pre-loaded with the first required filename, or zeroes for the start of the directory. The buffer is loaded with part (or all, if it fits) of the directory sorted in ASCII order. If more of the directory is required, this routine is re-called with the buffer re-initialised with the last file previously returned. This procedure is followed repeatedly until all of the directory has been catalogued.

Note that +3DOS format disks (which are the same as single-sided, single track AMSTRAD PCW range format disks) may have a maximum of 64 directory entries.

Buffer format:

Entry 0 Entry 1 Entry 2 Entry 3 ...to... Entry n

Entry 0 must be preloaded with the first 'filename.type' required. Entry 1 will contain the first matching filename greater

than the preloaded entry (if any). A zeroised preload entry is OK.

If the buffer is too small for the directory, this routine can be called again with entry 0 replaced by entry n to fetch the next part of the directory.

Entry format (13 bytes long):

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Bytes 0...7 - Filename (ASCII) left justified, space filled

Bytes 6...10 - Type (ASCII) left justified, space filledd

Bytes 11...12 - Size in kilobytes (binary)
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Any of the filename or extension characters may have bit 7 set, as described in the section on file attributes, so these should be masked off if not required.

The file size is the amount of disk space allocated to the file, not necessarily the same as the amount used by the file.

```
ENTRY CONDITIONS
        B = n+1, size of buffer in entries, >=2
        C = Filter (if bit is set)
                bit 0 = include system files
                bit 1 = set bit 7 of f7 (the 7^{th} character in the filename) if
                        the entry has a valid LFN (long filename) which can be
                        obtained with the IDE_GET_LFN call
                bit 2 = include directories, and set bit 7 of f8 (the 8th
                       character in the filename) if the entry is a directory
                bits 3...7 = 0 (reserved)
        DE = Address of buffer (first entry initialised)
        HL = Address of filename (wildcards permitted)
EXIT CONDITIONS
        If OK:
                Carry true
                A corrupt
                B = Number of completed entries in buffer, 0...n.
                    (If B = n, there may be more to come).
                HL = Directory handle, required to obtain long filenames
                    with IDE_GET_LFN
        Otherwise:
                Carry false
                A = Error code
                B HL corrupt
        Always:
                C DE HL IX corrupt
                All other registers preserved
```

## DOS\_FREE\_SPACE 0121h (289)

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How much free space is there on this drive?

ENTRY CONDITIONS

A = Drive, ASCII 'A'...'P'

EXIT CONDITIONS

If OK:
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A corrupt
                HL = Free space (in kilobytes, clamped to maximum 65535K)
                BCDE = Free space (in kilobytes)
        Otherwise:
                Carry false
                A = Error code
                HL corrupt
        Always:
                BC DE IX corrupt
                All other registers preserved
DOS_GET_POSITION
0133h (307)
Get the file pointer.
ENTRY CONDITIONS
        B = File number
EXIT CONDITIONS
        If OK:
                Carry true
                A corrupt
                DEHL = File pointer
                (D holds most significant byte; L holds least
                significant byte)
        Otherwise:
                Carry false
                A = Error code
                DE HL corrupt
        Always:
                BC IX corrupt
                All other registers preserved
DOS_GET_EOF
0139h (313)
Get the end of file (EOF) file position greater than all written byte
positions.
Does not affect the file pointer.
Does not consider soft-EOF.
ENTRY CONDITIONS
        B = File number
EXIT CONDITIONS
        If OK:
                Carry true
                A corrupt
                DEHL = File pointer
                (D holds most significant byte; L holds least
                significant byte)
        Otherwise:
                Carry false
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Carry true

A = Error code DE HL corrupt

Always:

BC IX corrupt

All other registers preserved

#### IDE\_SWAP\_OPEN (\$00D9)

Open a swap file

IN: A(bits 6..0)=block size in sectors, 1 (0.5K) to 32 (16K)

If bit 7 of A is 0, then:

BC=max block number required

and NextZXOS will open an available system swap file

(c:/nextzxos/swp-N.p3d) large enough

If bit 7 of A is 1, then:

BC=\$ff-terminated name of file to use

(maximum block number will be determined from file)

OUT(s): Fc=1

IX=swap handle

OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code

Register status on return:

..../.. same

AFBCDEHL/IX different

NOTE: The block size specified (any multiple of 0.5K up to 16K) determines the amount of data that is swapped in and out with the other  $IDE\_SWAP\_$  calls. The size of the swap partition required is calculated as (blocksize)\* (max block number+1). The current block number is set to 0.

NOTE: Only unfragmented files can be opened as swap files. The error code rc\_fragmented (\$4a) will be returned for fragmented files.

### IDE\_SWAP\_EX (\$00E5)

IN:

OUT(f): Fc=0, A=rc\_notimp

NOTE: This call is inefficient and has been deprecated.

Use IDE\_SWAP\_IN and IDE\_SWAP\_OUT instead.

## IDE\_DOS\_MAP (\$00F1)

Map a drive to the specified partition or physical device

IN: A=unit (0..15), including special device:

4=RAMdisk

\$ff=filesystem image (.P3D or .DSK file)

BC=partition number (if A!=4 or \$ff)

BC=image filename (\$ff-terminated) (if A=\$ff)

L=drive letter 'A' to 'P' (uppercase)

OUT(s): Fc=1

OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code

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Register status on return:
..../IX same
AFBCDEHL/.. different
IDE_DOS_UNMAP ($00F4)
Remove mapping from the specified drive
IN: L=drive letter 'A' to 'P' (uppercase)
OUT(s): Fc=1
OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code
Register status on return:
..../IX same
AFBCDEHL/.. different
IDE_DOS_MAPPING ($00F7)
Obtain mapping information for the specified drive
     L=drive letter 'A' to 'P' (uppercase)
     BC=buffer (18 bytes in length)
OUT(s):
        Fc=1
         Fz=1 if drive not mapped (and other info not valid)
         Fz=0, mapping is as follows:
           A=unit (0..15), including special device:
                           4=RAMdisk
                           $ff=filesystem image (.P3D or .DSK file)
           BC=partition number (not for special devices)
           buffer is filled with text description, or blanked if no mapping
OUT(f):
        Fc=0, A=error code
Register status on return:
..../IX same
AFBCDEHL/.. different
IDE_SNAPLOAD ($00FD)
Load a snapshot
IN: HL=filespec, terminated with $ff
OUT(s): Does not return if successful
OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code
Register status on return:
..../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different
Loads and runs a supported snapshot file (files with extension .Z80, .SNA, .0
and .P are supported, with others potentially supported in future).
NOTE: SP must be <$8000 if a ZX80 or ZX81 snapshot (.0 or .P) is to be loaded.
NOTE: This call should only be made in LAYER 0 mode. You can force this mode
      simply (if not intending to return to BASIC on an error) by disabling
      Timex, layer2 and lo-res modes (using ports $ff & $123b, and NextReg $15)
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## IDE\_PATH (\$01b1)

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IN: A=reason code,
    rc_path_change (0),
    rc_path_get (1),
    rc_path_make (2),
    rc_path_delete (3)

HL=address of pathspec (terminated with $ff)
    NB: For rc_path_get, this must also be a 256-byte buffer
    into which the returned path will be written

OUT(s): Fc=1
OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code

Register status on return:
...../... same
AFBCDEHL/IXIY different
```

This call allows the current directory or path for a particular drive (and user area) to be changed or obtained. It also allows creation and deletion of directories.

For rc\_path\_change, rc\_path\_make and rc\_path\_delete, HL points to a directory specification, terminated by \$ff. This may optionally include a drive letter, user area and full path (if not, the current default values are used). For rc\_path\_change, the current path on that drive is changed to the directory or path specified. For rc\_path\_make and rc\_path\_delete, the named directory is created or deleted.

For rc\_path\_get, HL points to a location specification (ie a drive and/or user area, terminated with a colon and \$ff). The current path for that location will then be written to the buffer at HL and terminated with \$ff.

Note that this call will return an error of rc\_notimp if the drive on which it is operating is formatted with a filesystem that does not support directories (eg a +3DOS floppy drive or RAMdisk).

## New calls

The following calls are new for NextZXOS.

## IDE\_CAPACITY (\$01b4)

Get card capacity

IN: C=unit (0 or 1)

OUT(s): Fc=1

DEHL=total card capacity in 512-byte sectors

OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

### IDE\_GET\_LFN (\$01b7)

Obtain a long filename and other file information

IN: HL=address of filespec provided to the last DOS\_CATALOG call
 IX=directory handle returned by the last DOS\_CATALOG call
 DE=address of a file entry within buffer filled by the last DOS\_CATALOG call
 BC=address of a 261-byte buffer to receive the long filename

OUT(s): Fc=1

Buffer at BC is filled with the long filename for the requested entry, terminated with \$ff. If no long filename was available, the buffer will contain the properly-formatted short filename instead.

BC=date (in MS-DOS format)
DE=time (in MS-DOS format)
HLIX=filesize (in bytes)

OUT(f): Fc=0, A=error code

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

This call allows a long filename (or properly-formatted short filename) for an entry in the buffer returned by **DOS\_CATALOG** to be obtained. It also returns additional directory entry details (date, time, file size).

**NOTE:** No other +3DOS calls should be made between the **DOS\_CATALOG** call and the (multiple) **IDE\_GET\_LFN** calls used to obtain the long filenames.

 ${f NOTE:}$  If the file entry is a directory, the filesize returned in HLIX will be zero.

## IDE\_BROWSER (\$01ba)

Run the file browser

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+1 (n bytes) 1-3 byte extension, colon, optional BASIC command(s)
        If n=$ff there are no further entries.
     DE=address of $ff-terminated help text for 2 lines at bottom of screen
     A=browser capabilities mask, made by ORing together any of:
             $01, BROWSERCAPS_COPY - files may be copied
$02, BROWSERCAPS_RENAME - files/dirs may be renamed
             $04, BROWSERCAPS_MKDIR - directories may be created $08, BROWSERCAPS_ERASE - files/dirs may be erased
             $10, BROWSERCAPS_REMOUNT- SD card may be remounted
             $20, BROWSERCAPS_UNMOUNT- drives may be unmounted
             $80, BROWSERCAPS_SYSCFG - system use only - use browser.cfg
     Alternatively just use one of the two special values:
             $00, BROWSERCAPS_NONE - no special capabilities
             $3f, BROWSERCAPS_ALL - all capabilities enabled
OUT(s):
         Fc=1
         If Fz=1, ENTER was pressed with a filetype that is present in the
                   filetype buffer, and:
                   HL=address of short filename (terminated with $ff) in RAM 7
                   DE=address of long filename (terminated with $ff) in RAM 7
          If Fz=0, SPACE/BREAK was pressed
OUT(f):
         Fc=0, A=error
Register status on return:
..../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different
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#### NOTES:

The help text can contain any standard full-screen mode window control codes, but if the character size is changed, it should be changed back to size 5 at the end.

It is intended that applications wishing to use the Browser as a "save file" dialog should direct the user to navigate to the correct drive/directory and press SPACE. At this point the call will exit with the current drive and directory set as the user selected and Fz=0 to indicate SPACE was pressed. Since the screen is not cleared on exit, the application can then request input of the filename on the bottom two lines of the screen, giving a seamless user experience.

Call does not return if a supported filetype was selected which had anything following the colon in the filetype buffer. In this case, the additional data is treated as plain text, then tokenized and executed as a BASIC command. NOTE: No terminator should be added to the end of the command.

The ? character may be used as a wildcard to match a single character in the filetype.

The  $^{\star}$  character may be used as a wildcard to match remaining characters in the filetype.

Most applications will not want a BASIC command to be executed and so should provide a simple list of all the filetypes that they want to be selectable.

Example filetype buffer contents:

### IDE\_BANK (\$01bd)

Allocate or free 8K RAM banks in main ZX memory or DivMMC memory

OUT(s): Fc=1

E=8K bank ID (0..total-1), for rc\_bank\_alloc E=total number of 8K banks of specified type, for rc\_bank\_total E=available number of 8K banks of specified type, for rc\_bank\_available

OUT(f): Fc=0

A=error: rc\_inuse if no available banks to allocate rc\_badparam if H, L or E is invalid

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Register status on return: ...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different
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#### NOTE:

This call is provided for applications that wish to co-exist with other applications, dot commands and BASIC programs without overwriting each other's memory.

Bank IDs are for 8K half-banks, numbered from 0 upwards. For ZX memory they can be paged using the MMU instructions.

Banks are allocated starting with the highest-numbered available bank. This helps to ensure low-numbered banks remain available for longer (important for layer 2 which can only use banks within the first RAM chip).

NextZXOS/NextBASIC normally reserves the first 18 x 8K banks of ZX memory for its own use, and the first 6 x 8K banks of DivMMC memory. However, BASIC programs or TSR machine code programs could also reserve memory before your program is loaded, so it is usually easier to allocate using  $rc_bank_alloc$  rather than  $rc_bank_reserve$ .

NextZXOS/NextBASIC also owns the layer 2 banks (normally 16K banks 9,10,11: 8K banks 18-23, but may have been changed by the LAYER BANK command). However, you can use such banks if you are in control of the system and not using layer 2: the current layer 2 banks can be found by reading Next registers \$12 and \$13 to

find the base of the current front and back buffers, respectively.

Take care to free any banks you allocate before exiting, otherwise they will be unavailable to the user until after a reset. A NEW command \*does not\* free reserved banks back into the system.

## IDE\_BASIC (\$01c0)

Execute a BASIC command line

IN: HL=address of tokenized BASIC command line, terminated with \$0d

OUT(s): Fc=1

System variable ERR\_NR contains generated BASIC error code-1 (\$ff means BASIC command completed successfully)

Register status on return: ...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

#### NOTES:

This call must be made with the ROM2/RAM5/RAM2/RAM0 memory configuration rather than the usual +3DOS configuration. The stack must be located between STKEND and RAMTOP (the normal location for the stack during BASIC operation).

Any number of BASIC commands may be executed, separated by colons (:), and the line must be terminated with an ENTER character (\$0d).

This call may be particularly useful for setting particular screen modes with the LAYER command, which will ensure that the system variables are correctly set up for printing to windows or the main screen in the selected mode.

### IDE\_WINDOW\_LINEIN (\$01c3)

Input line from current window stream

IN: required window has been made current via ROM 3 / \$1601
HL=buffer address (must lie entirely below \$c000)

A=buffer size (1..255 bytes)

E=number of characters already in the input buffer (0 for an entirely new input). Must be less than A.

OUT: E=number of characters returned in input buffer

Register status on return:
...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

#### NOTES:

This call invokes the window line input handler, allowing the user to enter new characters and edit the input with the cursor keys and delete.

The input buffer can be primed with an initial string for the user to edit. If this is the case, E should be set to the number of characters in the initial

string (otherwise, set E=0).

+3 BASIC errors may be invoked

### IDE\_WINDOW\_STRING (\$01c6)

Output string to current window stream

IN: required window has been made current via ROM 3 / \$1601 HL=address of string (must lie entirely below \$c000)

E=string termination condition:

if E=\$ff, string is terminated with a \$ff character if E=\$80, last character in the string has bit 7 set if E<\$80, E=number of characters in the string (may be terminated earlier with \$ff)

OUT: -

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

NOTES:

This call is intended for efficient outputting of strings to window channels, avoiding the significant per-character overhead associated with outputting each individual character via RST \$10 or IDE\_STREAM\_OUT.

+3 BASIC errors may be invoked

### IDE\_INTEGER\_VAR (\$01c9)

Get or set NextBASIC integer variable

IN: B=0 for standard variable, B=1 for array
 C=variable number (0=A,1=B...25=Z)
 L=array index (0..63) if B=1

H=0 to get variable, 1 to set variable

DE=value (if H=1)

OUT(s): Fc=1

DE=value (if H=0)

OUT(f): Fc=0

A=error: rc\_badparam if H, L or E is invalid

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

NOTE:

This call provides a convenient interface to pass values between BASIC and machine-code processes.

## IDE\_RTC (\$01cc)

Query the real-time-clock module

IN: -

OUT(s): Fc=1

BC=date, in MS-DOS format DE=time, in MS-DOS format

OUT(f): Fc=0, real-time-clock module not present

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

NOTE:

This call returns the results provided by the RTC.SYS loadable module.

### IDE\_DRIVER (\$01cf)

Access the driver API

IN: C=driver id B=call id

HL, DE=other input parameters as described in driver API

OUT(s): Fc=1

Other results as described in M\_DRVAPI

OUT(f): Fc=0, error

Other results as described in M\_DRVAPI

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

NOTE:

This call is equivalent to the  $M_DRVAPI$  hook provided in the esxDOS API. Applications will probably find  $M_DRVAPI$  more convenient to use; this call is designed for use by the NextZXOS ROMs.

This call should be made with the ROM2/RAM5/RAM2/RAM0 memory configuration rather than the usual +3DOS configuration.

 ${\sf HL}$  is used as an input value instead of IX (ie same as calling  ${\sf M\_DRVAPI}$  from a dot command).

## IDE\_MOUNT (\$01d2)

Unmount/remount SD cards

IN: A=0, close all files, unmap all drives and swap partitions

A=1, mount SD cards and automap drives

OUT(s): Fc=1

OUT(f): Fc=0, error

A=error code

Register status on return:

...../.. same
AFBCDEHL/IX different

#### NOTE:

This call can be used to allow users to change SD cards, as if the REMOUNT command was being executed.
First, call IDE\_MOUNT with A=0 to close all files and unmap drives.

If successful, request the user to change the SD card(s) and then call IDE\_MOUNT with A=1 to mount the new SD cards and automap drives.

## **Error codes**

The error codes that may be returned by  $\pm 3DOS/IDEDOS$  calls are as follows: Recoverable disk errors:

0	rc_ready	Drive not ready
1	rc_wp	Disk is write protected
2	rc_seek	Seek fail
3	rc_crc	CRC data error
4	rc_nodata	No data
5	rc_mark	Missing address mark
6	rc_unrecog	Unrecognised disk format
7	rc_unknown	Unknown disk error
8	rc_diskchg	Disk changed whilst +3DOS was using it
9	rc_unsuit	Unsuitable media for drive

## Non-recoverable errors:

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	rc_badname rc_badparam rc_nodrive rc_nofile rc_exists rc_eof rc_diskfull rc_dirfull rc_ro rc_number rc_denied rc_norename rc_extent rc_uncached rc_toobig rc_notboot rc_inuse	Bad filename Bad parameter Drive not found File not found File already exists End of file Disk full Directory full Read-only file File number not open (or open with wrong access) Access denied Cannot rename between drives Extent missing Uncached File too big Disk not bootable Drive in use
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 67 68 69 74	rc_invpartition rc_partexist rc_notimp rc_partopen rc_nohandle rc_notswap rc_mapped rc_noxdpb rc_noswap rc_invdevice rc_cmdphase rc_dataphase rc_notdir rc_fragmented	Invalid partition Partition already exists Not implemented Partition open Out of handles Not a swap partition Drive already mapped No XDPB No suitable swap partition Invalid device Command phase error Data phase error Not a directory File is fragmented, use .DEFRAG

## The esxDOS-compatible API

The esxDOS-compatible API is a bit simpler to use than the +3DOS-compatible API.

To make a call, you only need to set up the entry parameters as indicated and perform a RST \$08; DEFB hook\_code. On return, registers AF,BC,DE,HL will all be changed. IX,IY and the alternate registers are never changed (except for M\_P3DOS).

(Note that the standard 48K BASIC ROM must be paged in to the bottom of memory, but this is the usual situation after starting a machine code program with a **USR** function call).

Notice that error codes are different from those returned by +3DOS calls, and also the carry flag is SET for an error condition when returning from an esxDOS call (instead of RESET, as is the case for +3DOS).

If desired, you can use the  $M\_GETERR$  hook to generate a BASIC error report for any error returned, or even use it to generate your own custom BASIC error report.

All of the calls where a filename is specified will accept long filenames (LFNs) and most will accept wildcards (for an operation such as F\_OPEN where a single file is always used, the first matching filename will be used).

## **Dot commands**

Dot commands can also be written using the esxDOS-compatible API. Normally dot commands run from the C:/DOT/ directory, but they can be run from anywhere if fully-pathed. For example:

./mydot ; executes /mydot on current drive

../mydot ; executes mydot from current directory on current drive

The default Browser configuration supports selecting and running dot commands if they have a .DOT extension.

#### Requirements

A dot command must be assembled to run at origin \$2000, and will be loaded into DivMMC RAM to execute. The maximum code/data size available is 8K.

It is permissable to relocate the stack to within the 8K area if desired (except when calling an external ROM with RST \$10, RST \$18 or the M\_P3DOS hook code).

On entry to your dot command, HL contains the address of the arguments following the command name (or 0 if there are no arguments). Additionally, BC contains the address of the entire command line (including the command name but excluding the leading ".").

The arguments/command line may be terminated by \$00, \$0d or ':' (since the address usually points within a BASIC statement, but may also be a system-supplied null-terminated line).

On exit from your dot command, return with the the carry flag reset if execution was successful.

To report a standard esxDOS error, set the carry flag and return with A=error.

To generate a custom error report, set the carry flag and return with A=0 and HL=address of error message (last character must have bit 7 set).

#### Calling esxDOS-compatible API hooks

When called from within dot commands, the entry parameters used for **RST \$8** hook codes are slightly different: HL should be used instead of IX. Exit parameters are unchanged.

## <u>Calling external ROM routines</u>

Within dot commands, two further restarts are available to call routines in the standard 48K BASIC ROM:

#### **RST \$10**

Print the character in A (NOTE: A must not be \$80).

### RST \$18; DEFW address

Call any routine in the standard 48K BASIC ROM.

If a BASIC error occurs during a **RST \$10** or **RST \$18** call (eg the user presses BREAK at a "scroll?" prompt) the dot command will be terminated and the error reported, unless you have registered an error handler with the **M\_ERRH** hook.

#### Large dot commands

If your dot command is >8K in length, only the first 8K is loaded (at \$2000), but the file is left open (with the pointer directly after the first 8K). It is possible to obtain the file handle using the M\_GETHANDLE hook. This allows you to read further code/data from your dot command into another memory area (perhaps a bank allocated using IDE\_BANK via M\_P3DOS) or into the standard 8K area as required.

### Bootstrapping a game/application from a dot command

You can write large dot commands that load all the initial assets for a game/application into memory (probably in the way described for large dot commands above) and then start running them.

The recommended way to start your game/application after loading from within a dot command is to use **RST \$20** with HL=address. This will cleanly terminate your dot command, and return to the address provided in HL.

Note that this still leaves your dot command file open (as well as any other files you may have opened), so you may continue to load further assets from it if desired.

#### NOTE:

Although it is possible to start your game/application by simply jumping to the code you have loaded (rather than using the **RST \$20** mechanism), this is not recommended since doing so will leave the DivMMC ROM/RAM paged in place of the standard 48K BASIC ROM. The main disadvantages of this would be:

- writing to Next registers MMU0/1 will have no effect
- needing to continue to use RST \$8 hooks as if the dot command was running
- inability to run any further dot commands
- standard IM1 interrupt routine (including ROM keyscanning) unavailable
- NMI unavailable, so Multiface replacement can't be activated

(NOTE: If you don't want your game to be interruptible/snapshottable by the Multiface replacement, this can be achieved anyway by clearing the multiface enable bit (bit 3) in the Next's peripheral2 register, \$06).

## Installable device drivers

NextZXOS allows for a number of drivers to be installed/uninstalled at will using the .install/.uninstall dot commands (currently a maximum of 4 drivers may be installed at any one time). These are mainly intended for use as drivers for external peripherals such as printers, mice, network devices etc, but could be used for other purposes.

Each driver occupies a maximum of 512 bytes, which is loaded into DivMMC RAM and relocated by the .install command. It is possible to allocate additional 8K banks of DivMMC RAM and/or standard ZX Spectrum Next RAM during installation if required (note that RAM is a limited resource).

Drivers have two entry points: an (optional) routine which is run during interrupts, and an API routine which allows the driver to respond to user requests. The driver's API is accessible from the M\_DRVAPI hook (in the esxDOS-compatible API), the IDE\_DRIVER call (in the +3DOS-compatible API) and the DRIVER command in NextBASIC.

Each driver is identified by a unique single-byte id, so when writing a new driver you should ensure that it's id does not clash with any other existing driver. However, it would be acceptable for multiple different drivers to all use the same identifier as long as they provide the same functionality via their APIs (for example, multiple drivers for different printer interfaces might all use the 'P' identifier).

### **Keyboard driver**

In addition to the 4 general-purpose drivers, it is also possible to replace the standard keyboard driver with a 512-byte driver. This is defined in the same way, except that it always has a fixed id (0) and provides only a single entry point, for the interrupt routine; no driver API is supported for this special driver.

It might be desired to replace the standard keyboard driver in order to support different international keyboard layouts, or perhaps to add support for a multi-keystroke buffer.

An example keyboard driver (keyboard.asm and keyboard\_drv.asm) is available separately, and included at the end of this document.

### Printer drivers

The id "P" is reserved for printer drivers. If such a driver is installed in the system then NextBASIC will automatically send any output on #3 (ie LLIST, LPRINT, PRINT #3 etc) to it. CP/M will also use any such driver as its LPT device.

CP/M will also use any driver with id "X" as its AUX device. AUX drivers can be written in a similar way to printer drivers.

An example printer driver (sample\_prt.asm and sample\_prt\_drv.asm) is available separately, and included at the end of this document.

#### **Channel support**

Drivers can optionally be written to support i/o via the streams and channels system of the Spectrum Next. This would allow the following BASIC commands to open and close streams to the device (it is up to your documentation to describe which of the **OPEN** # variants should be used):

```
OPEN #n,"D>X"
```

open stream n to simple channel for device 'X'

#### **OPEN** #n,"**D**>X>string"

open stream n to channel described by string on device 'X'

### **OPEN** #n,"**D>**X,p1"

open stream n to channel described by numeric value p1 on device 'X'

### **OPEN** #n, "D>X, p1, p2"

open stream n to channel described by numeric values p1 and p2 on device 'X'

#### CLOSE #n

close stream n

Once a channel is open, devices can (optionally) accept any of stream input, output or pointer manipulation through their APIs which will allow other stream-related BASIC commands to be used, eg:

```
PRINT #n;....
INPUT #n;....
INKEY$ #n
GOTO #n, value (set current stream pointer)
RETURN #n TO var (get current stream pointer to variable var)
DIM #n TO var (get current stream size/extent to variable var)
NEXT #n TO var (wait for next input character from stream and store in var)
```

For information on writing device drivers, see the worked example in border.asm and border\_drv.asm (available separately or at the end of this document).

## The following calls are available in the esxDOS-compatible API:

```
; Low-level calls
                                                obtain file allocation map
disk_filemap
                      ; $85 (133)
disk_strmstart
                      ; $86 (134)
                                                start streaming operation
disk strmend
                      ; $87 (135)
                                                end streaming operation
; Miscellaneous calls.
                      ; $88 (136)
                                                get NextZXOS version/mode information
m_dosversion
                                                get/set default drive
m_getsetdrv
                     ; $89 (137)
                                         get/set default drive
tape redirection control (input)
tape redirection control (output)
get handle for current dot command
get current date/time
execute a dot command
set additional capabilities
access API for installable drivers
get or generate error message
execute +3DOS/IDEDOS/NextZXOS call
register dot command error handler
                     ; $8b (139)
m_tapein
                     ; $8c (140)
m_tapeout
                     ; $8d (141)
m_gethandle
                     ; $8e (142)
m_getdate
                     ; $8f (143)
m_execcmd
                     ; $91 (145)
m_setcaps
                     ; $92 (146)
m_drvapi
                     ; $93 (147)
m_geterr
m_p3dos
                     ; $94 (148)
                     ; $95 (149)
                                               register dot command error handler
m_errh
; File calls.
                      ; $9a (154)
                                                open file
f open
                      ; $9b (155)
f close
                                                close file
                     ; $9c (156)
                                                sync file changes to disk
f sync
                     ; $9d (157)
f read
                                               read file
                     ; $9e (158)
                                                write file
f write
                     ; $9f (159)
f seek
                                                set file position
f_fgetpos
                     ; $a0 (160)
                                                get file position
                     ; $a1 (161)
f fstat
                                                get open file information
                     ; $a2 (162)
f_ftruncate
                                                truncate/extend open file
                     ; $a3 (163)
f_opendir
                                                open directory for reading
                     ; $a4 (164)
; $a5 (165)
; $a6 (166)
; $a7 (167)
f_readdir
                                               read directory entry
f_telldir
                                                get directory position
f_seekdir
                                                set directory position
f_rewinddir
                                               rewind to start of directory
f_getcwd
                     ; $a8 (168)
                                                get current working directory
f_chdir
                     ; $a9 (169)
                                                change directory
f_mkdir
                     ; $aa (170)
                                                make directory
f_rmdir
                     ; $ab (171)
                                                remove directory
                     ; $ac (172)
f_stat
                                                get unopen file information
                    ; $ad (173)
f_unlink
                                                delete file
                    ; $ae (174)
f_truncate
                                               truncate/extend unopen file
                     ; $af (175)
f_chmod
                                                change file attributes
                     ; $b0 (176)
                                               rename/move file
f_rename
f_getfree
                     ; $b1 (177)
                                                get free space
```

#### esxDOS-compatible error codes

Unknown error
OK

Nonsense in esxDOS
Statement end error
Wrong file type
No such file or dir
I/O error
Invalid filename
Access denied
Drive full
No such drive
Too many files open
Bad file number
No such device
File pointer overflow
Is a directory
Not a directory
Already exists
Invalid path
Missing system
Path too long
No such command
In use
Read only
Verify failed
MAPRAM is active
Drive busy
Unknown filesystem
Device busy

(10, esx\_enxio)
(3, esx\_enospc)
(4, esx\_enospc)
(10, esx\_enxio)
(5, esx\_enospc)
(10, esx\_enxio)
(6, esx\_enxio)
(7, esx\_enodry
(10, esx\_endrile
(11, esx\_enodry
(12, esx\_enfile
(13, esx\_eoverflow
(14, esx\_enodev
(15, esx\_eoverflow
(16, esx\_eisdir
(17, esx\_enotdir
(18, esx\_eexist
(19, esx\_epath
(19, esx\_epath
(19, esx\_epath
(19, esx\_epath
(20, esx\_esys
(21, esx\_enametoolong
(22, esx\_enomd
(23, esx\_einuse
(24, esx\_erdonly
(25, esx\_everify
(26, esx\_eloadingko
(27, esx\_edirinuse
(28, esx\_edirinuse
(29, esx\_efsunknown
(29, esx\_efsunknown
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(29, esx\_edevicebusy
(30, esx\_efsunknown
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```
* DISK FILEMAP ($85)
 Obtain a map of card addresses describing the space occupied by the file.
 Can be called multiple times if buffer is filled, continuing from previous.
 Entry:
       A=file handle (just opened, or following previous DISK_FILEMAP calls)
       IX=buffer
       DE=max entries (each 6 bytes: 4 byte address, 2 byte sector count)
 Exit (success):
       FC=0
       DE=max entries-number of entries returned
      HL=address in buffer after last entry
      A=card flags: bit 0=card id (0 or 1)
                   bit 1=0 for byte addressing, 1 for block addressing
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
      A=error
; NOTES:
; Each entry may describe an area of the file between 2K and just under 32MB
; in size, depending upon the fragmentation and disk format.
; Please see example application code, stream.asm, for full usage information
; (available separately or at the end of this document).
 *******************
 * DISK_STRMSTART ($86)
                     Start reading from the card in streaming mode.
 Entry: IXDE=card address
       BC=number of 512-byte blocks to stream
       A=card flags
 Exit (success): Fc=0
                B=0 for SD/MMC protocol, 1 for IDE protocol
               C=8-bit data port
 Exit (failure): Fc=1, A=esx_edevicebusy
 On the Next, this call always returns with B=0 (SD/MMC protocol) and C=$EB
 When streaming using the SD/MMC protocol, after every 512 bytes you must read
; a 2-byte CRC value (which can be discarded) and then wait for a $FE value
 indicating that the next block is ready to be read.
; Please see example application code, stream.asm, for full usage information
; (available separately or at the end of this document).
 *******************
 * DISK STRMEND ($87)
; Stop current streaming operation.
; Entry: A=card flags
; Exit (success): Fc=0
; Exit (failure): Fc=1, A=esx_edevicebusy
; NOTES:
; This call must be made to terminate a streaming operation.
; Please see example application code, stream.asm, for full usage information
; (available separately or at the end of this document).
```

```
* M DOSVERSION ($88)
Get API version/mode information.
Entry:
Exit:
     For esxDOS <= 0.8.6
            Fc=1, error
            A=14 ("no such device")
     For NextZXOS:
            Fc=0, success
            B='N',C='X' (NextZXOS signature)
            DE=NextZXOS version in BCD format: D=major, E=minor version
              eg for NextZXOS v1.94, DE=$0194
            HL=language code:
                English: L='e',H='n'
                Spanish: L='e',H='s'
                Further languages may be available in the future
            A=O if running in NextZXOS mode (and zero flag is set)
            A<>0 if running in 48K mode (and zero flag is reset)
*******************
* M GETSETDRV ($89)
Get or set the default drive.
Entry:
     A=0, get the default drive
     A<>0, set the default drive to A
          bits 7..3=drive letter (0=A...15=P)
          bits 2..0=drive number (0)
Exit (success):
     Fc=0
     A=default drive, encoded as:
          bits 7..3=drive letter (0=A...15=P)
          bits 2..0=drive number (0)
Exit (failure):
     Fc=1
     A=error code
This call isn't really very useful, as it is not necessary to provide a
specific drive to calls which need a drive/filename.
For such calls, you can instead provide:
 A='*' use the default drive
  A='$'
        use the system drive (C:, where the NEXTZXOS and BIN dirs are)
```

```
* M TAPEIN ($8b)
 Tape input redirection control.
 Entry:
       B=0, in_open:
               Attach tap file with name at IX, drive in A
       B=1, in_close:
               Detach tap file
       B=2, in_info:
               Return attached filename to buffer at IX and drive in A
       B=3, in_setpos:
               Set position of tape pointer to block DE (0=start)
       B=4, in_getpos:
               Get position of tape pointer, in blocks, to HL
       B=5, in_pause:
               Toggles pause delay when loading SCREEN$
               On exit, A=1 if pause now enabled, A=0 if not
       B=6, in_flags:
               Set tape flags to A
               bit 0: 1=pause delay at SCREEN$ (as set by in_pause)
               bit 1: 1=simulate tape loading with border/sound
 *********************
 * M_TAPEOUT ($8c)
 Tape output redirection control.
 Entry:
       B=0, out_open:
               Create/attach tap file with name at IX for appending, drive A
       B=1, out_close:
               Detach tap file
       B=2, out_info:
               Return attached filename to buffer at IX and drive in A
       B=3, out_trunc:
              Create/overwrite tap file with name at IX, drive A
 * M_GETHANDLE ($8d)
 *****************
 Get the file handle of the currently running dot command
 Entry:
 Exit:
       A=handle
       Fc=0
; NOTES:
; This call allows dot commands which are >8K to read further data direct
; from their own file (for loading into another memory area, or overlaying
; as required into the normal 8K dot command area currently in use).
; On entry to a dot command, the file is left open with the file pointer
; positioned directly after the first 8K.
; This call returns meaningless results if not called from a dot command.
```

```
* M GETDATE ($8e)
******
Get the current date/time.
Entry:
Exit:
     Fc=0 if RTC present and providing valid date/time, and:
             BC=date, in MS-DOS format
             DE=time, in MS-DOS format
     Fc=1 if no RTC, or invalid date/time, and:
             BC=0
             DE=0
*******************
* M_EXECCMD ($8f)
*************
Execute a dot command.
Entry:
     IX=address of commandline, excluding the leading "."
        terminated with $00 (or $0d, or ':')
Exit (success):
     Fc=0
Exit (failure):
     Fc=1
     A=error code (0 means user-defined error)
     HL=address of user-defined error message within dot command
NOTES:
The dot command name can be fully-pathed if desired. If just a name is
provided, it is opened from the C:/DOT directory.
             "hexdump afile.txt",0
                                         ; runs c:/dot/hexdump
 eg: defm
                                         ; runs mycommand.dot in current
             "./mycommand.dot afile.txt",0
     defm
                                          ; directory
If A=0, the dot command has provided its own error message but this is not
normally accessible. It can be read using the M_GETERR hook.
This hook cannot be used from within another dot command.
* M_SETCAPS ($91)
***************
Entry: A=capabilities to set:
         bit 7=1, do not erase new file data in f_truncate/f_ftruncate
                 (increases performance of these calls)
         bits 0..6: reserved, must be zero
      Fc=0, success
Exit:
      E=previous capabilities
NOTE: This call is only available from NextZXOS v1.98M+.
     Earlier versions will return with Fc=1 (error) and A=esx_enocmd
NOTE: You should save the original value of the capabilities which is
     returned in E. After completing the calls you need with your altered
     capabilities, restore the original value by calling M_SETCAPS again
     with the value that was previously returned in E.
     This will ensure that other programs running after you have exited
     will continue to see the original expected behaviour.
```

```
*******************
 * M DRVAPI ($92)
                 Access API for installable drivers.
 Entry:
       C=driver id (0=driver API)
       B=call id
       HL, DE=other parameters
 Exit (success):
       Fc=0
       other values depend on API call
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=0, driver not found
       else A=driver-specific error code (esxDOS error code for driver API)
; If C=0, the driver API is selected and calls are as follows:
 (Note that these are not really useful for user applications; they are used
 by the .install/.uninstall dot commands).
 B=0, query the RTC
 (returns the same results as M_GETDATE)
 B=1, install a driver
       D=number of relocations (0-255)
       E=driver id, with bit 7=1 if should be called on an IM1 interrupt
       HL=address of 512-byte driver code followed by D x 2-byte reloc offsets
 Possible error values are:
       esx_eexist (18)
                             driver with same id already installed
       esx_einuse (23)
                            no free driver slots available
       esx_eloadingko (26)
                             bad relocation table
 B=2, uninstall a driver
      E=driver id (bit 7 ignored)
 B=3, get paging value for driver banks
       C=port (always $e3 on ZXNext)
       A=paging value for DivMMC bank containing drivers (usually $82)
 B=4, get driver image
       E=driver id (bit 7 ignored)
       HL=address of 512-byte buffer
```

```
* M GETERR ($93)
 Entry:
       A=esxDOS error code, or 0=user defined error from dot command
       if A=0, IX=error message address from dot command
       B=0, generate BASIC error report (does not return)
       B=1, return error message to 32-byte buffer at DE
 NOTES:
; Dot commands may use this call to fetch a standard esxDOS error message
; (with B=1), but must not use it to generate an error report (with B=0) as
; this would short-circuit the tidy-up code.
; User programs may use the call to generate any custom error message (and not
; just a custom message returned by a dot command). To do this, enter with
; A=0 and IX=address of custom message, where IX>=$4000.
; Custom error messages must be terminated with bit 7 set on the final
; character.
 * M P3DOS ($94)
 *******************
 Make a +3DOS/IDEDOS/NextZXOS API call.
 Entry:
       DE=+3DOS/IDEDOS/NextZXOS call ID
       C=RAM bank that needs to be paged (usually 7, but 0 for some calls)
       B'C', D'E', H'L', AF, IX contain entry parameters for call
 Exit:
       exit values as described for +3DOS/IDEDOS/NextZXOS call ID
       EXCEPT: any value to be returned in IX will instead be in H'L'
       All registers except IX, IY may be changed.
 Do not attempt to use this hook code unless you are running in NextZXOS mode
 (can be determined by using the M_DOSVERSION hook).
 Any parameters which are addresses of data (eg filenames etc) must lie between
 $4000...$BFE0.
; Any errors returned will be +3DOS/IDEDOS/NextZXOS error codes, not esxDOS
error
; codes. Additionally, carry flag RESET indicates an error condition.
 No $DFFD paging should be in force.
; MMU2 ($4000-$5fff) must be the default (lower half of RAM bank 5), containing
; the system variables.
; The stack should be in normal configuration (not in TSTACK).
; For calls requiring normal configuration (ROM2/5/2/0), RAMO must already
; be paged. For other calls, any banks can be paged at $c000, and will be
; restored when the +3DOS call has completed.
```

```
* F_OPEN ($9a)
Open a file.
Entry:
     A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
     IX=filespec, null-terminated
     B=access modes, a combination of:
       any/all of:
        esx_mode_read
                             $01
                                       request read access
        esx_mode_write
                             $02
                                       request write access
        esx_mode_use_header
                             $40
                                       read/write +3DOS header
       plus one of:
        esx_mode_open_exist
                             $00
                                       only open existing file
        esx_mode_open_creat
                             $08
                                       open existing or create file
                                       create new file, error if exists
        esx_mode_creat_noexist $04
        esx_mode_creat_trunc
                             $0c
                                       create new file, delete existing
     DE=8-byte buffer with/for +3DOS header data (if specified in mode)
     (NB: filetype will be set to $ff if headerless file was opened)
Exit (success):
     Fc=0
     A=file handle
Exit (failure):
     Fc=1
     A=error code
*********************
* F_CLOSE ($9b)
Close a file or directory.
Entry:
     A=file handle or directory handle
Exit (success):
     Fc=0
     A=0
Exit (failure):
     FC=1
     A=error code
* F_SYNC ($9c)
************************
Sync file changes to disk.
Entry:
     A=file handle
Exit (success):
     Fc=0
Exit (failure):
     Fc=1
     A=error code
```

```
********************
 * F_READ ($9d)
 Read bytes from file.
 Entry:
      A=file handle
      IX=address
      BC=bytes to read
 Exit (success):
      Fc=0
      BC=bytes actually read (also in DE)
      HL=address following bytes read
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      BC=bytes actually read
      A=error code
 NOTES:
; EOF is not an error, check BC to determine if all bytes requested were read.
 * F_WRITE ($9e)
 *******************
; Write bytes to file.
 Entry:
      A=file handle
      IX=address
      BC=bytes to write
 Exit (success):
      Fc=0
      BC=bytes actually written
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      BC=bytes actually written
                   * F_SEEK ($9f)
              Seek to position in file.
 Entry:
      A=file handle
      BCDE=bytes to seek
      IXL=seek mode:
              esx_seek_set
                             $00
                                  set the fileposition to BCDE
              esx_seek_fwd
                             $01
                                  add BCDE to the fileposition
              esx_seek_bwd
                             $02
                                  subtract BCDE from the fileposition
 Exit (success):
      Fc=0
      BCDE=current position
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      A=error code
; NOTES:
; Attempts to seek past beginning/end of file leave BCDE=position=0/filesize
; respectively, with no error.
```

```
* F FGETPOS ($a0)
 ******
 Get current file position.
 Entry:
        A=file handle
 Exit (success):
       Fc=0
       BCDE=current position
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=error code
 * F_FSTAT ($a1)
 Get file information/status.
        A=file handle
        IX=11-byte buffer address
 Exit (success):
        Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
        Fc=1
       A=error code
 NOTES:
 The following details are returned in the 11-byte buffer:
   +0(1)
   +1(1)
   +2(1)
           file attributes (MS-DOS format)
           timestamp (MS-DOS format)
   +3(2)
           datestamp (MS-DOS format)
   +5(2)
           file size in bytes
   +7(4)
 * F_FTRUNCATE ($a2)
 Truncate/extend file.
 Entry:
        A=file handle
        BCDE=new filesize
 Exit (success):
        Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
        Fc=1
       A=error code
; NOTES:
 The M_SETCAPS ($91) hook can be used to modify the behaviour of this call
; so that is doesn't zeroise additional file sections (improving performance).
; Sets the filesize to precisely BCDE bytes.
; If BCDE<current filesize, the file is trunctated.
; If BCDE>current filesize, the file is extended. The extended part is erased
; with zeroes.
; The file position is unaffected. Therefore, if truncating, make sure to
; set the file position within the file before further writes (otherwise it
; will be extended again).
; +3DOS headers are included as part of the filesize. Truncating such files is
; not recommended.
```

```
********************
 * F OPENDIR ($a3)
 Open directory.
 Entry:
       A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
       IX=directory, null-terminated
       B=access mode (only esx_mode_use_header and esx_mode_use_lfn matter)
         any/all of:
          esx_mode_use_lfn
                                 $10
                                           return long filenames
          esx_mode_use_header
                                 $40
                                           read/write +3DOS headers
 Exit (success):
       A=dir handle
       Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=error code
 Access modes determine how entries are formatted by F_READDIR.
 *******************
 * F_READDIR ($a4)
 *****************
 Read next directory entry.
 Entry:
       A=handle
       IX=buffer
 Exit (success):
       A=number of entries returned (0 or 1)
         If 0, there are no more entries
       Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=error code
 Buffer format:
  1 byte file attributes (MSDOS format)
  ? bytes file/directory name, null-terminated
2 bytes timestamp (MSDOS format)
2 bytes datestamp (MSDOS format)
  4 bytes file size
 NOTES:
; If the directory was opened with the esx_mode_use_lfn bit, long filenames
; (up to 260 bytes plus terminator) are returned; otherwise short filenames
; (up to 12 bytes plus terminator) are returned.
; If opened with the esx_mode_use_header bit, after the normal entry follows the
; 8-byte +3DOS header (for headerless files, type=$ff, other bytes=zero).
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* F TELLDIR ($a5)
 ****
 Get current directory position.
 Entry:
      A=handle
 Exit (success):
      BCDE=current offset in directory
      Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      A=error code
 * F_SEEKDIR ($a6)
 Set current directory position.
; Entry:
      A=handle
      BCDE=offset in directory to seek to (as returned by F_TELLDIR)
; Exit (success):
      Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      A=error code
********************
 * F_REWINDDIR ($a7)
 Rewind directory position to the start of the directory.
 Entry:
      A=handle
 Exit (success):
      Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      A=error code
* F_GETCWD ($a8)
 Get current working directory.
 Entry:
      A=drive
      IX=buffer for null-terminated path
; Exit (success):
      Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      A=error code
```

```
*********************
* F_CHDIR ($a9)
*******
Change directory.
Entry:
    A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
    IX=path, null-terminated
Exit (success):
    Fc=0
Exit (failure):
    Fc=1
    A=error code
Create directory.
    A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
    IX=path, null-terminated
Exit (success):
    Fc=0
Exit (failure):
    Fc=1
    A=error code
********************
* F_RMDIR ($ab)
Remove directory.
Entry:
    A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
    IX=path, null-terminated
Exit (success):
    Fc=0
Exit (failure):
    Fc=1
    A=error code
```

```
* F STAT ($ac)
 Get unopened file information/status.
 Entry:
       A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
       IX=filespec, null-terminated
       DE=11-byte buffer address
 Exit (success):
       Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=error code
 NOTES:
 The following details are returned in the 11-byte buffer:
          drive specifier
   +0(1)
   +1(1)
          $81
   +2(1)
          file attributes (MS-DOS format)
   +3(2)
          timestamp (MS-DOS format)
   +5(2)
          datestamp (MS-DOS format)
   +7(4)
          file size in bytes
 * F_UNLINK ($ad)
 Delete file.
 Entry:
       A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
       IX=filespec, null-terminated
 Exit (success):
       Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=error code
 **********************
 * F_TRUNCATE ($ae)
 Truncate/extend unopened file.
 Entry:
       A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
       IX=source filespec, null-terminated
       BCDE=new filesize
 Exit (success):
       Fc=0
 Exit (failure):
       Fc=1
       A=error code
 NOTES:
; The M_SETCAPS ($91) hook can be used to modify the behaviour of this call
; so that is doesn't zeroise additional file sections (improving performance).
; Sets the filesize to precisely BCDE bytes.
; If BCDE<current filesize, the file is trunctated.
; If BCDE>current filesize, the file is extended. The extended part is erased
; with zeroes.
; +3DOS headers are included as part of the filesize. Truncating such files is
; not recommended.
```

```
* F_CHMOD ($af)
Modify file attributes.
Entry:
      A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
      IX=filespec, null-terminated
      B=attribute values bitmap
      C=bitmap of attributes to change (1=change, 0=do not change)
      Bitmasks for B and C are any combination of:
                     %0000001
         A_WRITE
                     %10000000
         A_READ
                    %10000001
         A_RDWR
         A_HIDDEN
                    %00000010
         A_SYSTEM
                    %00000100
                    %00100000
         A_ARCH
Exit (success):
      Fc=0
Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
     A=error code
* F RENAME ($b0)
********************
Rename or move a file.
Entry:
      A=drive specifier (overridden if filespec includes a drive)
      IX=source filespec, null-terminated
      DE=destination filespec, null-terminated
Exit (success):
      Fc=0
Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
      A=error code
* F_GETFREE ($b1)
Gets free space on drive.
Entry:
      A=drive specifier
Exit (success):
      Fc=0
      BCDE=number of 512-byte blocks free on drive
Exit (failure):
      Fc=1
     A=error code
```

## Streaming API example - stream.asm

```
********************
 * Streaming file access example code for NextZXOS via esxDOS API
 Assemble with: pasmo stream.asm stream.bin
 Execute with stream.bin and test.scr (any 6912-byte headerless screen file)
 in the same directory, using:
 CLEAR 32767:LOAD "stream.bin" CODE 32768
 LET x=USR 32768
; PRINT x to show any esxDOS error code on return.
; Additionally, 255 means "out of data"
 and 65535 means "completed successfully".
 *******************
 * esxDOS API and other definitions required
; Calls
f_open
                             $9a
                                            ; opens a file
                      equ
f_close
                             $9b
                                            ; closes a file
                      equ
                                            ; obtains map of file data
disk_filemap
                      egu
                             $85
                                            ; begin streaming operation
disk strmstart
                      egu
                             $86
                                            ; end streaming operation
disk strmend
                      egu
                             $87
; File access modes
                                            ; read access
esx_mode_read
                             $01
                      equ
esx_mode_open_exist
                             $00
                                            ; open existing files only
                      equ
; Next registers
next_register_select
                             $243b
                      equ
nxr_peripheral2
                      equ
                             $06
 Size of filemap buffer (in 6-byte entries)
 To guarantee all entries will fit in the filemap at once, allow 1 entry for
 every 2K of filesize. The example uses a 6.75K SCREEN$, so 4 entries is
; sufficient.
 (NOTE: Reducing this to 1 *may* force the example code to refill the filemap multiple times, but only if your card has a cluster size of 2K or 4K
        and the file is fragmented).
filemap_size
                      equ
 *********************
 * Initialisation
 *****************
       org
              $8000
; Before starting we will disable the Multiface button, since filesystem
; access will not be possible during a streaming operation, and could cause
; unexpected effects, including possibly the machine locking up until a soft
; reset is performed.
       1d
              bc,next_register_select
       ld
              a, nxr_peripheral2
              (c),a
       out
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```
; get current peripheral2 value
       in
               a,(c)
               %11110111
                                     ; clear bit 3 (multiface enable)
       and
       out
               (c),a
; First the file must be opened in the normal way
               a, '*'
                                      ; use default drive if none specified
       1d
       l d
               ix,test_filename
       l d
               b, esx_mode_read+esx_mode_open_exist
       rst
               $08
       defb
               f_open
               c,exit_with_error
       jр
                                      ; store the returned file handle
       lη
               (filehandle), a
; For this example, we are going to "stream" a standard Spectrum SCREEN$
; file to the screen. This is a convenient point to set up parameters
; for this.
       ld
               hl,$4000
                                      ; address to stream data to
                                      ; size of data left to stream
       ld
               de,6912
       exx
                                      ; save in alternate registers
 *******************
 * Filemap buffer setup
 **************
 Next, obtain the map of card addresses for the file.
 Note that this call (DISK_FILEMAP) must be made directly after opening the
 file - no other file access calls should be made first.
; A buffer must be provided to hold the card addresses.
 Each entry in the buffer occupies 6 bytes and describes an area of the
 file which can be anywhere between 2K and 32MB in size (depending on the
 way the card was formatted, and how fragmented the file is).
 Therefore, it is possible to calculate the absolute maximum number of buffer
 entries required by dividing the size of the file by 2K.
 It is also possible to use a smaller buffer and call disk_filemap multiple
 times when a refill is required (provided the last streaming operation has
 been stopped before the next disk_filemap call is made).
; Often, files are unfragmented, and so will use only 1 entry. You could
 potentially write your code to assume this (which would therefore be simpler
 than this example), and cause an error if more than 1 entry is returned,
 citing "framentation" and suggesting the user run the .defrag dot command
 on the file. (Note that some CompactFlash, and other IDE, may be limited
 to a maximum section size of 64K).
 The byte/block addressing flag returned in bit 1 of A may be useful if you
 wish to start streaming data from a particular 512-byte block offset within
 the file, as it indicates how to adjust the 4-byte card addresses:
   if bit 1 of A=0, then add 512 to the card address for every block
   if bit 1 of A=1, then add 1 to the card address for every block
refill map:
               a, (filehandle)
       Ъſ
       1d
               ix,filemap_buffer
                                    ; address of buffer
               de,filemap_size
                                     ; size of buffer (in 6-byte entries)
       ld
       rst
               $08
```

inc

```
defb
               disk filemap
               c, close and exit with error
       jр
; On exit from disk_filemap, the return values are:
       DE=size of buffer unused (in 6-byte entries)
       HL=address in buffer after last written entry
       A=flags: bit 0=card id (0 or 1)
                bit 1=0 for byte addressing, 1 for block addressing
       ld
               (cardflags), a
                                       ; store card flags for later use
; First we will check whether there were any entries returned, and exit with
; a dummy error code ($ff) not used by esxDOS to indicate "out of data" if not.
       push
               h1
               de,filemap_buffer
       ld
                                      ; initialise buffer address
                                       ; not needed as no error, so carry=0
       and
               hl, de
                                       ; any entries in the buffer at all?
       sbc
       pop
               hl
       ld
               a, $ff
                                       ; dummy error to indicate out of data
       jr
               z,close_and_exit_with_error
 *******************
 * Main streaming loop
 **************
; Now we can enter a loop to stream data from each entry in the buffer.
stream loop:
                                       ; save buffer end address
       push
               h1
       eх
               de,hl
                                       ; HL=address of next entry in buffer
       l d
               e, (hl)
       inc
               hl
       ld
               d, (hl)
       inc
               hl
       ld
               c, (hl)
       inc
               hl
       ld
                                       ; BCDE=card address
               b, (hl)
       inc
               hl
       push
               bc
       pop
               iχ
                                       ; IXDE=card address
       ld
               c,(hl)
       inc
               hl
                                       ; BC=number of 512-byte blocks
       ld
               b, (hl)
       inc
               hl
       push
               hl
                                        save updated buffer address
                                        save number of blocks
       push
 Streaming is initiated by calling DISK_STRMSTART with:
       IXDE=card address
       BC=number of 512-byte blocks to stream
       A=card flags, as returned by DISK_FILEMAP
; After this call is issued it is important that no further esxDOS calls
; (or NextZXOS calls which might access a filesystem) are issued until the
; matching DISK_STRMEND call has been made.
; It is also important to ensure that the Multiface (which could access files)
; is disabled for the duration of the streaming operation. (Done earlier in
; this example).
       ld
               a, (cardflags)
                                       ; A=card flags
       rst
               $8
       defb
               disk_strmstart
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; retrieve number of blocks to IX
        gog
                c,drop2_close_and_exit_with_error
        ir
 If successful, the call returns with:
        B=protocol: 0=SD/MMC, 1=IDE
        C=data port
 NOTE: On the Next, these values will always be:
        B=0
        C=$FB
 Therefore, your code code be slightly faster and simpler if writing a
 Next-only program. However, these values are provided to allow portable
; streaming code to be written (if NextZXOS is later ported to other platforms).
        ld
                a,c
                                        ; switch back to "streaming set"
        exx
                                        ; HL=address, DE=bytes to stream
        ld
                                        ; C=data port
                c,a
  *******************
  * Block streaming loop
stream_block_loop:
                b,0
                                        ; prepare for 256-byte INIR
        ld
        ld
                a, d
                                        ; at least 1 block to stream?
        ср
                2
                c, stream partial block
        jr
; Read an entire 512-byte block of data.
; These could be unrolled to INIs for maximum performance.
                                        ; read 512 bytes from the port
        inir
        inir
        dec
                d
                                        ; update byte count
        dec
                Ч
; Check the protocol being used.
        exx
                                        ; A=protocol (0=SD/MMC, 1=IDE)
        ld
                a,b
        exx
                                        ; The IDE protocol doesn't need
        and
                                        ; this end-of-block processing
                nz,protocol_ide
; For SD protocol we must next skip the 2-byte CRC for the block just read.
; Note that maximum performance of the interface is 16T per byte, so nops
; must be added if not using INI/OUTI.
; The interface can run at CPU speeds of at least 21MHz (as in ZX-Badaloc).
        in
                a,(c)
        nop
        in
                a,(c)
        gon
; And then wait for a token of $FE, signifying the start of the next block.
; A value of $FF indicates "token not yet available". Any other value is an
; error.
wait_token:
                                        ; wait for start of next block
        in
                a,(c)
                                        ; (a token is != $ff)
                $ff
        ср
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```
z,wait token
       jr
                                    ; the correct data token is $fe
       ср
              $fe
       jr
                                    ; anything else is an error
              nz, token_error
; IDE protocol streaming can rejoin here.
protocol_ide:
                                    ; check if any more bytes needed
       1d
              a,d
       or
              е
       jr
              z, streaming_complete
       dec
                                    ; decrement block count
              iх
       ld
              a,ixl
       or
              ixh
                                   ; continue until all blocks streamed
              nz,stream_block_loop
       jr
                                    ; switch "streaming set" to alternates
       exx
 ******************
 * Main streaming loop end
 *****************
; After all the 512-byte blocks for a particular card address have been
; streamed, the DISK_STRMEND call must be made. This just requires A=cardflags.
       1d
              a, (cardflags)
              $08
       rst
       defb
              disk strmend
              c,drop2_close_and_exit_with_error
       jr
; Following disk_strmend, the system is back in a state where any other esxdos
; calls may now be used, including (if necessary) DISK_FILEMAP to refill the
; buffer. This can be an expensive call, though, so it would be preferable to
; ensure that the buffer is large enough to be filled with the first call.
; This would also simplify the code a little.
                                    ; DE=current buffer address
              de
       pop
                                    ; HL=ending buffer address
       pop
              hl
                                     not needed; carry=0 since no error
       and
                                    ; any more entries left in buffer?
              hl, de
       sbc
                                    ; if not, refill
              z,refill_map
       jr
                                    ; re-form ending address
              hl, de
       add
                                    ; back for next entry in the buffer
       jr
              stream_loop
 *******************
 * Stream a partial block
 ****************
; It is entirely okay to stream a partial block, since the streaming operation
; can be terminated at any point by issuing the DISK_STRMEND call.
stream_partial_block:
       and
                                    ; at least 256 bytes left?
              z,stream_final_bytes
       jr
       inir
                                    ; read 256 bytes from the port
stream_final_bytes:
       1d
              b, e
       inc
              h
       dec
              h
              z,streaming_complete
       jr
```

```
inir
                                ; read last few bytes from the port
streaming_complete:
            a, (cardflags)
      ld
             $08
      rst
      defb
             disk strmend
                                ; terminate the streaming operation
            drop2_close_and_exit_with_error
      jr
 *******************
 * Tidy up and exit
 ********************
token_error:
      ld
             a,$ff
                                ; dummy error to indicate out of data
      scf
drop2_close_and_exit_with_error:
                                ; discard buffer addresses
      pop
            hl
      pop
            hl
close_and_exit_with_error:
      push
                                ; save error status
      ld
            a, (filehandle)
      rst
            $08
      defb
            f close
                                ; restore error status
      pop
            af
exit_with_error:
            hl, $2758
      ld
                                ; BASIC requires H'L'=$2758 on return
      exx
      ld
            b,0
                                ; BC=error, for return to BASIC
      ld
             c,a
                                ; exit if there was an error
      ret
             С
             bc, $ffff
                                ; use 65535 to indicate "no error"
      ld
      ret
 * Data
 ******************
test_filename:
             "test.scr",0
      defm
                               ; filenames must be null-terminated
filehandle:
      defb
filemap_buffer:
            defs
cardflags:
      defb
            0
```

# Driver example (file 1 of 2) - border.asm

```
* Simple example NextZXOS driver
 This file is the 512-byte NextZXOS driver itself, plus relocation table.
 Assemble with: pasmo border.asm border.bin border.sym
 After this, border_drv.asm needs to be built to generate the actual
; driver file.
 * Entry points
 *************************
 Drivers are a fixed length of 512 bytes (although can have external 8K
 banks allocated to them if required).
 They are always assembled at origin $0000 and relocated at installation time.
 Your driver always runs with interrupts disabled, and may use any of the
 standard register set (AF,BC,DE,HL). Index registers and alternates must be
 preserved.
 No esxDOS hooks or restarts may be used. However, 3 calls are provided
 which drivers may use:
               $2000
                      ; drv_drvswapmmc
       ijр
                       Can be used to aid switching between allocated
                      ; DivMMC banks (see example usage below).
                      ; drv_drvrtc
       call
              $2003
                      ; Query the RTC. Returns BC=date, DE=time (as M_DATE)
       call
              $2006
                      ; drv_drvapi
                      ; Access other drivers. Same parameters as M_DRVAPI.
 The stack is always located below $4000, so if ZX banks have been allocated
 they may be paged in at any location (MMU2..MMU7). However, when switching
 to other allocated DivMMC banks, the stack cannot be used unless you set
 it up/restore it yourself.
 If you do switch any banks, don't forget to restore the previous MMU settings
; afterwards.
 * Switching between allocated DivMMC banks
You can request DivMMC banks to be allocated to your driver, as well as
 (or instead of standard ZX memory banks). However, DivMMC banks are a more
 limited resource and are more awkward to use, since they can only be paged
 in at $2000..$3fff (where your driver code is already running in another
; DivMMC bank).
 If you wish to use DivMMC banks, the following helper code is provided
 in the driver's DivMMC bank at $2000 (drv_drvswapmmc):
       $2000: out
                      ($e3), a
```

One suggested method for switching between your allocated DivMMC banks

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and your driver is as follows:
 1. In the preload data for each DivMMC bank (specified in the .DRV
     file), include a copy of the above routine at the start (ie $2000).
 2. Provide the following subroutine somewhere within your driver code:
        call externmmc:
                push
                         h1
                                          ; stack external bank routine address
                         af, af'
                ex
                in
                         a, ($e3)
                                         ; save driver bank in A'
                         af, af'
                ex
                         7,a
                                         ; set bit 7 on DivMMC bank id to page
                set
                                         ; jump to switch banks and "return"
                         $2000
                jр
                                          ; to routine in external DivMMC bank
 3. To call a routine in one of your allocated DivMMC banks, use this in
     your driver code:
                ld
                         hl, routineaddr
                ld
                         a, divmmcbankid
                                         ; (to be patched by .INSTALL)
                call
                         call_externmmc
 4. The routines in your allocated DivMMC banks should end with:
                         af, af'
                                         ; A=driver bank id
                ex
                         $2000
                                          ; switch back to driver and return
                jр
  * Entry points
                $0000
        org
; At $0000 is the entry point for API calls directed to your driver.
; B, DE, HL are available as entry parameters.
 If your driver does not provide any API, just exit with A=0 and carry set.
 eg:
        xor
        scf
        ret
api_entry:
        jr
                border_api
        nop
; At $0003 is the entry point for the interrupt handler. This will only be
; called if bit 7 of the driver id byte has been set in your .DRV file, so
; need not be implemented otherwise.
im1_entry:
reloc_1:
                a, (colour)
        ld
        inc
                                          ; increment stored border colour
                а
        and
                $07
reloc 2:
                (colour), a
        Ъſ
                ($fe),a
                                         ; set it
        out
        ret
  * Simple example API
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On entry, use B=call id with HL,DE other parameters.
  (NOTE: HL will contain the value that was either provided in HL (when called
        from dot commands) or IX (when called from a standard program).
 When called from the DRIVER command, DE is the first input and HL is the
second.
 When returning values, the DRIVER command will place the contents of BC into
; the first return variable, then DE and then HL.
border_api:
                                       ; check if B>=$80
       bit
               7, b
       jr
               nz,standard_api
                                       ; on for standard API functions if so
       djnz
               bnot1
                                       ; On if B<>1
; B=1: set values.
reloc_3:
       ld
                (value1), de
reloc_4:
       ld
                (value2), hl
                                       ; clear carry to indicate success
       and
       ret
; B=2: get values.
bnot1:
                                       ; On if B<>2
       djnz
               bnot2
reloc_5:
               a, (colour)
       hſ
       ld
               b,0
       ld
               c,a
reloc_6:
       ld
               de, (value1)
reloc_7:
               hl, (value2)
       ٦d
                                        ; clear carry to indicate success
       and
       ret
; Unsupported values of B.
bnot2:
api_error:
                                       ; A=0, unsupported call id
       xor
               a
       scf
                                        ; Fc=1, signals error
       ret
  * Standard API functions
  *******************
 API calls $80..$ff are used in a standard way by NextZXOS.
; If (and only if) you have set bit 7 of the "mmcbanks" value in your
; driver file's header, then 2 special calls are made to allow you to
; perform any necessary initialisation or shutdown of your driver
; when it is .INSTALLed and .UNINSTALLed:
; B=$80: initialise
; B=$81: shutdown
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Each of these calls is made with the following parameters:
  HL=address of structure containing:
        byte 0: # of 8K ZX RAM banks allocated (as specified in .DRV header)
        bytes 1+: list of bank ids for the allocated 8K ZX RAM banks
  DE=address of structure containing:
        byte 0: # of 8K DivMMC RAM banks allocated (as specified in .DRV header)
        bytes 1+: list of bank ids for the allocated 8K DivMMC RAM banks
 These bank lists are in main RAM ($4000-$ffff) so be careful not to
 page them out during use. They are temporary structures and only
 available during the initialise ($80) and shutdown ($81) calls.
 Note that the initialise ($80) call is made after the allocated RAM
 banks have been erased and preloaded with data from your .DRV file.
 Most drivers will therefore probably not need to use these lists, as
 the allocated bank ids can also be patched directly into your driver
 code during the .INSTALL process.
 The shutdown ($81) call does NOT need to deallocate the RAM banks -
 this will be done by the .UNINSTALL dot command.
; When exiting the calls, return with carry clear to indicate success.
; If carry is set on call $80, the .INSTALL procedure will be aborted.
; If carry is set on call $81, the .UNINSTALL procedure will be aborted.
standard api:
        ; The example border driver sets bit 7 of mmcbanks,
        ; so needs to provide API calls $80 and $81.
        1d
                a,b
                $7f
        and
                z,driver_init
                                       ; on for call $80, initialise
        jr
        dec
                                       ; if not $81, must be a channel API call
                nz,channel_api
        jr
; B=$81: shutdown driver
         This call is optional and should be provided if you set bit 7 of
         the mmcbanks value in the driver header.
         Exit with carry clear if the driver can be safely UNINSTALLed, or
        carry set to abort the UNINSTALL process.
driver_shutdown:
        and
                                        ; always safe to uninstall this driver
        ret
 B=$80: initialise driver
         This call is optional and should be provided if you set bit 7 of
         the mmcbanks value in the driver header.
         Exit with carry clear if the driver can be safely INSTALLed, or
         carry set to abort the INSTALL process.
         This call is provided for drivers that might need additional
        hardware initialisation.
driver init:
        and
                                        ; always safe to install this driver
                а
        ret
; The following calls are used to allow your driver to support
; channels for i/o (manipulated with BASIC commands like OPEN #).
; Each call is optional - just return with carry set and A=0
; for any calls that you don't want to provide.
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; B=$f7: return output status
 B=$f8: return input status
 B=$f9: open channel
 B=$fa: close channel
; B=$fb: output character
; B=$fc: input character
; B=$fd: get current stream pointer
; B=$fe: set current stream pointer
; B=$ff: get stream size/extent
channel_api:
        1d
                a,b
        sub
                $f7
                                        ; set zero flag if call $f7
                                        ; (return output status)
                                        ; exit if unsupported (<$f7)
        jr
                c,api_error
        ld
                                        ; B=0..8
                b,a
                nz, bnotf7
                                        ; on if not $f7 (output status)
        jr
; B=$f7: return output status
; This call is entered with D=handle.
; You should return BC=$ffff if the device is ready to accept a character
; to be output, or BC=$0000 if it is not ready.
; NOTE: NextBASIC does not use this call for standard channel i/o, but it
        may be useful to provide it for use by machine-code programs or
        for NextBASIC programs using the DRIVER command.
; This call is also used by CP/M for printer drivers (with id "P") and
; AUX drivers (with id "X").
                bc,$ffff
        1d
                                        ; our device always ready for output
        and
                                         ; clear carry to indicate success
                а
        ret
; B=$f8: return input status
 This call is entered with D=handle.
 You should return BC=$ffff if the device has an input character available
 to be read, or BC=$0000 if there is no character currently available.
 NOTE: NextBASIC does not use this call for standard channel i/o, but it
        may be useful to provide it for use by machine-code programs or
        for NextBASIC programs using the DRIVER command.
; This call is also used by CP/M for AUX drivers (with id "X").
bnotf7:
        djnz
                bnotf8
                                        ; our device always ready for input
        ld
                bc, $ffff
        and
                                        ; clear carry to indicate success
        ret
; B=$f9: open channel
; In the documentation for your driver you should describe how it should be
; opened. The command used will determine the input parameters provided to
; this call (this example assumes your driver id is ASCII 'X', ie $58):
                       ; simple open: HL=DE=0
; OPEN #n,"D>X"
; OPEN #n, "D>X>string"
                        ; open with string: HL=address, DE=length
                        ; NOTE: be sure to check for zero-length strings
; OPEN #n, "D>X, p1, p2"
                        ; open with numbers: DE=p1, HL=p2 (zeros if not
provided)
; This call should return a channel handle in A. This allows your driver
; to support multiple different concurrent channels if desired.
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; If your device is simple you may choose to ignore the channel handles
 in this and other calls.
 If you return with any error (carry set), "Invalid filename" will be reported
; and no stream will be opened.
; For this example, we will only allow a single channel to be opened at
; a time, by performing a simple check:
bnotf8:
        djnz
                 bnotf9
reloc_8:
        ld
                 a, (chanopen_flag)
        and
                                           ; exit with error if already open
        jr
                 nz,api_error
        ld
                 a,1
reloc_9:
                 (chanopen_flag), a
                                           ; signal "channel open"
        ld
                                           ; exit with carry reset (from AND above)
        ret
                                           ; and A=handle=1
; Subroutine to validate handle for our simple channel
validate_handle:
                                           ; D should have been 1
        dec
                 d
                                           ; return if so
        ret
                 Z
                                           ; otherwise discard return address
        qoq
                 af
        jr
                 api error
                                           ; and exit with error
; B=$fa: close channel
; This call is entered with D=handle, and should close the channel
; If it cannot be closed for some reason, exit with an error (this will be
; reported as "In use").
bnotf9:
        djnz
                 bnotfa
                                           ; on if not call $fa
reloc_10:
                                           ; check D is our handle (does not return
        call
                 validate_handle
                                           ; if invalid)
        xor
reloc_11:
                                          ; signal "channel closed"
        ld
                 (chanopen_flag), a
        ret
                                           ; exit with carry reset (from XOR)
; B=$fb: output character
; This call is entered with D=handle and E=character.
; If you return with carry set and A=$fe, the error "End of file" will be ; reported. If you return with carry set and A<$fe, the error
; "Invalid I/O device" will be reported.
; Do not return with A=$ff and carry set; this will be treated as a successful
; call.
bnotfa:
        djnz
                 bnotfb
                                           ; on if not call $fb
reloc_12:
                 validate handle
                                           ; check D is our handle (does not return
        call
                                           ; if invalid)
reloc_13:
                 a, (output_ptr)
        1 d
reloc_14:
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calc buffer add
                                         ; HL=address within buffer
        call
                (h1),e
        1d
                                         ; store character
        inc
                а
        and
                $1f
reloc 15:
                                         ; update pointer
        1d
                (output_ptr),a
        ret
                                         ; exit with carry reset (from AND)
; B=$fc: input character
; This call is entered with D=handle.
You should return the character in A (with carry reset).
; If no character is currently available, return with A=$ff and carry set.
; This will cause INPUT # or NEXT # to continue calling until a character
; is available.
; If you return with carry set and A=$fe, the error "End of file" will be
; reported. If you return with carry set and any other value of A, the error
 "Invalid I/O device" will be reported.
bnotfb:
        djnz
                bnotfc
                                         ; on if not call $fc
reloc_16:
        call
                validate handle
                                         ; check D is our handle (does not return
                                         ; if invalid)
reloc_17:
        ld
                a,(input_ptr)
reloc_18:
                calc buffer add
                                         ; HL=address within buffer
        call
        1d
                e,(hl)
                                         ; get character
        inc
                a
        and
                $1f
reloc_19:
        1d
                                         ; update pointer
                (input_ptr),a
                                         ; A=character
        l d
                a,e
        ret
                                         ; exit with carry reset (from AND)
; B=$fd: get current stream pointer
 This call is entered with D=handle.
; You should return the pointer in DEHL (with carry reset).
bnotfc:
        djnz
                bnotfd
                                         ; on if not call $fd
reloc_20:
                validate_handle
                                         ; check D is our handle (does not return
        call
                                         ; if invalid)
reloc_21:
        ld
                a, (input_ptr)
        ld
                1,a
        ld
                h,0
                                         ; HL=stream pointer
                d,h
        ld
        ld
                e,h
                                         ; reset carry (successful call)
        and
                a
        ret
; B=$fe: set current stream pointer
; This call is entered with D=handle and IXHL=pointer.
; Exit with A=$fe and carry set if the pointer is invalid (will result in
; an "end of file" error).
 NOTE: Normally you should not use IX as an input parameter, as it cannot
        be set differently to HL if calling via the esxDOS-compatible API.
        This call is a special case that is only made by NextZXOS.
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bnotfd:
                                   ; on if not call $fe
       djnz
              bnotfe
reloc_22:
                                   ; check D is our handle (does not return
       call
              validate_handle
                                   ; if invalid)
       1d
                                   ; check if pointer >$1f
              a,1
              $e0
       and
       or
              h
              ixl
       or
              ixh
       or
       scf
       ld
              a,$fe
       ret
              nz
                                   ; exit with A=$fe and carry set if so
       ld
              a,1
reloc_23:
                                   ; set the pointer
       ld
              (input_ptr),a
                                   ; reset carry (successful call)
       and
       ret
; B=$ff: get stream size/extent
; This call is entered with D=handle
; You should return the size/extent in DEHL (with carry reset).
bnotfe:
reloc_24:
       call
              validate handle
                                   ; check D is our handle (does not return
                                   ; if invalid)
       1d
              h1,32
                                   ; our simple channel is always size 32
              d,h
       l d
       1d
              e,h
       and
                                   ; reset carry (successful call)
              a
       ret
 *****************
  * Validate handle for our simple channel
calc_buffer_add:
                                   ; save offset into buffer
       push
              af
reloc_25:
                                   ; base address
              hl,channel_data
       ld
                                   ; add on offset
       add
              a,1
       ld
              1,a
       ld
              a,0
       adc
              a,h
       ld
              h, a
                                   ; restore offset
       pop
              af
       ret
 ****************
 ***********************
colour:
       defb
              0
value1:
       defw
              Θ
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value2:
       defw
chanopen_flag:
       defb
               0
input_ptr:
       defb
               0
output_ptr:
       defb
               Θ
channel_data:
       defs
               32
; Our driver header will specify these values to be patched with the ids
; of the external banks allocated to us.
bankid_mmc0:
       defb
               0
bankid_zx0:
       defb
bankid_zx1:
       defb
bankid_zx2:
       defb
 *******************
 * Relocation table
 *******************
; This follows directly after the full 512 bytes of the driver.
if ($ > 512)
.ERROR Driver code exceeds 512 bytes
else
       defs
               512-$
endif
; Each relocation is the offset of the high byte of an address to be relocated.
reloc_start:
               reloc_1+2
       defw
               reloc_2+2
       defw
               reloc_3+3
       defw
       defw
               reloc_4+2
       defw
               reloc_5+2
       defw
               reloc_6+3
       defw
               reloc_7+2
       defw
               reloc_8+2
       defw
               reloc_9+2
       defw
               reloc_10+2
               reloc_11+2
       defw
               reloc_12+2
       defw
       defw
               reloc_13+2
       defw
               reloc_14+2
       defw
               reloc_15+2
       defw
               reloc_16+2
       defw
               reloc_17+2
       defw
               reloc_18+2
       defw
               reloc_19+2
       defw
               reloc_20+2
               reloc_21+2
       defw
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defw reloc\_22+2 defw reloc\_23+2 defw reloc\_24+2 defw reloc\_25+2

reloc\_end:

# Driver example (file 2 of 2) - border\_drv.asm

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* Simple example NextZXOS driver file
 This file generates the actual border.drv file which can be installed or
 uninstalled using the .install/.uninstall commands.
 The driver itself (border.asm) must first be built.
; Assemble this file with: pasmo border_drv.asm border.drv
 * Definitions
 *******************
; Pull in the symbol file for the driver itself and calculate the number of
; relocations used.
      include "border.sym"
relocs equ
             (reloc_end-reloc_start)/2
 ********************
 * .DRV file header
 *****************
; The driver id must be unique, so current documentation on other drivers
 should be sought before deciding upon an id. This example uses $7f as a
; fairly meaningless value. A network driver might want to identify as 'N'
; for example.
      org
             $0000
      defm
             "NDRV"
                          ; .DRV file signature
                           ; 7-bit unique driver id in bits 0..6
      defb
             $7f+$80
                           ; bit 7=1 if to be called on IM1 interrupts
      defb
             relocs
                           ; number of relocation entries (0..255)
                           ; number of additional 8K DivMMC RAM banks
      defb
             $80+$01
                           required (0..8); call init/shutdown
        NOTE: If bit 7 of the "mmcbanks" value above is set, .INSTALL and
             .UNINSTALL will call your driver's $80 and $81 functions
             to allow you to perform initialisation/shutdown tasks
             (see border.asm for more details)
                           ; number of additional 8K Spectrum RAM banks
      defb
                           ; required (0..200)
 ******************
 * Driver binary
              ; The driver + relocation table should now be included.
      incbin "border.bin"
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* Additional bank images and patches
 If any 8K DivMMC RAM banks or 8K Spectrum RAM banks were requested, then
  preloaded images and patch lists should be provided.
        First, for each mmcbank requested:
                                ; number of driver patches for this bank id
        defb
                bnk_patches
        defw
                bnk_size
                                ; size of data to pre-load into bank (0..8192)
                                 (remaining space will be erased to zeroes)
        defs
                                ; data to pre-load into bank
                bnk_size
                                ; for each patch, a 2-byte offset (0..511) in
        defs
                bnk_patches*2
                                ; the 512-byte driver to write the bank id to
        NOTE: The first patch for each mmcbank should never be changed by your
              driver code, as .uninstall will use the value for deallocating.
        Then, for each zxbank requested:
                                ; number of driver patches for this bank id
        defb
                bnk_patches
        defw
                bnk_size
                                ; size of data to pre-load into bank (0..8192)
                                ; (remaining space will be erased to zeroes)
        defs
                bnk_size
                                ; data to pre-load into bank
        defs
                bnk_patches*2
                                ; for each patch, a 2-byte offset (0..511) in
                                ; the 512-byte driver to write the bank id to
        NOTE: The first patch for each zxbank should never be changed by your
              driver code, as .uninstall will use the value for deallocating.
; Although our simple driver doesn't actually need any additional memory banks,
; we have requested 1 DivMMC bank and 3 Spectrum RAM banks as an example.
; First, the 1 DivMMC bank that was requested:
        defb
                1
                                         ; 1 patch
        defw
                                         ; no data to be preloaded into this bank
                                         ; (it will be erased to zeroes)
        ; List of patches to be replaced with this bank's id
                bankid_mmc0
                                        ; offset in driver to patch the bank id
        defw
; Then the 3 Spectrum RAM banks that were requested:
; First bank:
                                         ; 1 patch
        defb
        defw
                b0data_end-b0data
                                         ; size of preload data
         The actual preloaded data follows (the remainder of the 8K bank will
         be erased to zeroes)
b0data:
        defs
                800,$aa
                                        ; 800 bytes filled with $AA
                "This is the first allocated ZX bank"
        defm
                                        ; 20 bytes filled with $55
        defs
b0data end:
        ; List of patches to be replaced with this bank's id
        defw
                bankid_zx0
                                        ; offset in driver to patch the bank id
; Second bank:
        defb
                                         ; 1 patch
                1
        defw
                                         ; no data to be preloaded into this bank
                0
                                         ; (it will be erased to zeroes)
        ; List of patches to be replaced with this bank's id
                bankid_zx1
                                        ; offset in driver to patch the bank id
        defw
; Third bank:
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# Printer driver example (file 1 of 2) - sample prt.asm

;;;	**************************************
;	This file is the 512-byte NextZXOS driver itself, plus relocation table.
;	Assemble with: pasmo sample_prt.asm sample_prt.bin sample_prt.sym
;	After this, sample_prt_drv.asm needs to be built to generate the actual driver file.
;	GENERAL NOTES ON PRINTER/AUX DRIVERS:
; ; ; ;	A printer driver should use "P" as its driver id. This allows the user to install whatever printer driver is appropriate for them, and for software to use it in a standardised way.
, , , , , ,	In particular, NextBASIC will automatically send data LPRINT/LLISTed (or PRINTed to #3, or any other stream that has been opened to BASIC channel "P") to any installed driver with id "P".
, , , , , ,	Similarly, if a "P" driver has been installed, CP/M will use this for output to its logical LST: device (also referred to as the physical LPT device).
., ., ., ., ., ., .	In order to support NextBASIC and CP/M, a printer driver only needs to support the standard calls \$f7 (return output status) and \$fb (output character). You may of course support any other standard calls that you like (or additional driver-specific calls, for example to set the communications parameters for a serial printer).
, . , . , . , . , . , . , . , .	CP/M also supports an AUX physical device (with default input/output through the logical AUXIN: and AUXOUT: devices). This will automatically be routed to any installed driver with id "X". An AUX driver can be written in the same way as a printer driver, but should additionally support standard calls \$f8 (return input status) and \$fc (input character).
, . , . , . , . , . ,	See the example border.asm/border_drv.asm driver if your driver needs to be run on the IM1 interrupt, or if it needs additional 8K DivMMC/ZX RAM banks. This sample printer driver (and probably most printer drivers) do not require these, so discussion of them is not present in the example printer driver.
;	**************************************
р	rinter_port equ \$ff
;;;;	**************************************

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org

\$0000

```
; At $0000 is the entry point for API calls directed to the printer
 driver.
 NOTE: If your printer driver needs to be called on the IM1 interrupt
       you will need to provide an entry point at $0003 for this (see
       border.asm example driver for full details).
       This simple printer driver doesn't need interrupts so there is
       no need to provide the $0003 entry point.
api_entry:
; On entry, B=call id with HL, DE other parameters.
; You may provide any standard or driver-specific calls that you wish.
; See the example border.asm driver for a description of the standard calls.
; However, a standard printer driver that supports NextBASIC and CP/M only
; needs to provide 2 standard calls:
   B=$f7: return output status
   B=$fb: output character
       ld
              a,b
                                    ; "output character" call?
       ср
              $fb
       jr
              z,output_char
                                    ; on if so
                                    ; "return output status" call?
              $f7
       ср
              z,return_status
                                    ; on if so
       jr
api_error:
                                    ; A=0, unsupported call id
       xor
                                     ; Fc=1, signals error
       scf
       ret
 *******************
 * Return output status ($f7)
                           This call is entered with D=handle.
 CP/M always calls with D=1 (system handle) and a printer
; driver can generally ignore the handle id unless you support standard
 calls for opening/closing multiple different streams and wish them all
 to be handled independently.
 This call should return with carry clear to indicate success and
; BC=$ffff if the printer is ready to accept a character for output, or
; BC=$0000 if the printer is not ready.
; Our hypothetical printer interface has a BUSY signal connected to bit
; 0 of the input data on the printer port, so we will check this and
; return the status accordingly.
return_status:
       1d
              bc, $ffff
                                    ; clear carry to indicate success
       and
                                    ; get signals from printer
              a,(printer_port)
       in
                                    ; check BUSY signal
       bit
              0,a
                                    ; exit with BC=$ffff if not busy
       ret
              Z
       inc
              bc
                                     : exit with BC=$0000 if bust
       ret
 ********************
 * Output character ($fb)
                       ; This call is entered with D=handle and E=character.
; NextBASIC and CP/M always call with D=1 (system handle) and a printer
; driver can generally ignore the handle id unless you support standard
```

```
; calls for opening/closing multiple different streams and wish them all
; to be handled independently.
 This call should return with carry clear to indicate success.
; If you return with carry set and A=$fe, the error "End of file" will be
; reported. If you return with carry set and A<$fe, the error
 "Invalid I/O device" will be reported.
; Do not return with A=$ff and carry set; this will be treated as a successful
; call.
output_char:
       ; It's good practice to allow the user to abort with BREAK if
       ; the printer is stuck in a busy loop.
       1d
               a, $7f
               a, ($fe)
       in
       rra
               c,check_printer
                               ; on if SPACE not pressed
       jr
       ld
               a,$fe
               a, ($fe)
       in
       rra
       jr
               c,check_printer
                                     ; on if CAPS SHIFT not pressed
                                      ; exit with A=$fe and carry set
       ld
               a,$fe
       scf
                                      ; so "End of file" reported
       ret
check_printer:
       ; Wait for the printer to become ready.
                                     ; get signals from printer
               a,(printer_port)
                                      ; check BUSY signal
       bit
               0,a
               nz, output char
                                      ; loop back if printer is busy
       jr
       1d
                                      ; A=character to output
               a,e
                                      ; send to the printer
       out
               (printer_port), a
       and
                                      ; clear carry to indicate success
       ret
 *******************
 * Relocation table
                   ***************
; This follows directly after the full 512 bytes of the driver.
if ($ > 512)
.ERROR Driver code exceeds 512 bytes
else
       defs
               512-$
endif
; Each relocation is the offset of the high byte of an address to be relocated.
; This particular driver is so simple it doesn't contain any absolute addresses
; needing to be relocated. (border.asm is a slightly more complex driver that
; does have a relocation table).
reloc_start:
reloc_end:
```

# Printer driver example (file 2 of 2) - sample prt drv.asm

;	* Example NextZXOS printer driver file
;	******************
, ; ; ; .	This file generates the actual sample_prt.drv file which can be installed or uninstalled using the .install/.uninstall commands.
;	The driver itself (sample_prt.asm) must first be built.
;	Assemble this file with: pasmo sample_prt_drv.asm sample_prt.drv
;	GENERAL NOTES ON PRINTER/AUX DRIVERS:
; ; ; ; ; ;	A printer driver should use "P" as its driver id. This allows the user to install whatever printer driver is appropriate for them, and for software to use it in a standardised way.
, , , , , , ,	In particular, NextBASIC will automatically send data LPRINT/LLISTed (or PRINTed to #3, or any other stream that has been opened to BASIC channel "P") to any installed driver with id "P".
, ., ., ., .	Similarly, if a "P" driver has been installed, CP/M will use this for output to its logical LST: device (also referred to as the physical LPT device).
/ . / . / . / . / . / .	In order to support NextBASIC and CP/M, a printer driver only needs to support the standard calls \$f7 (return output status) and \$fb (output character). You may of course support any other standard calls that you like (or additional driver-specific calls, for example to set the communications parameters for a serial printer).
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;	See the example border.asm/border_drv.asm driver if your driver needs to be run on the IM1 interrupt, or if it needs additional 8K DivMMC/ZX RAM banks. This sample printer driver (and probably most printer drivers) do not require these, so discussion of them is not present in the example printer driver.
	**************************************
	include "sample_prt.sym"
r	elocs equ (reloc_end-reloc_start)/2
;;;	**************************************

```
$0000
      org
      defm
             "NDRV"
                          ; .DRV file signature
             "P"
                          ; standard driver id for printer device.
      defb
      defb
             relocs
                          ; number of relocation entries (0..255)
                          ; number of 8K DivMMC RAM banks needed ; number of 8K Spectrum RAM banks needed
      defb
             0
      defb
             0
 ******************
 * Driver binary
 ********************
; The driver + relocation table should now be included.
      incbin "sample_prt.bin"
```

## Keyboard driver example (file 1 of 2) - keyboard.asm

```
******************
 * Example NextZXOS keyboard driver
 ****************
 The keyboard driver used by NextZXOS may be replaced by installing a
 special driver with id 0.
; This file is the 512-byte NextZXOS driver itself, plus relocation table.
; Assemble with: pasmo keyboard.asm keyboard.bin keyboard.sym
; After this, keyboard_drv.asm needs to be built to generate the actual
; driver file.
; Keyboard drivers are installed using the same .install dot command
; as standard drivers, and immediately replace the existing keyboard
; driver (the keyboard driver does not count towards the total number
 of standard installable NextZXOS drivers).
 The main differences between the keyboard driver and standard drivers
 are as follows:
       1. The keyboard driver always has driver id 0.
       2. The keyboard driver cannot provide an API.
       3. The keyboard driver is always called at every IM1 interrupt.
       4. The keyboard driver has just a single entry point, at $0000,
         which is called during IM1 interrupts.
 Replacement keyboard drivers should perform the same effective
 functionality as the standard KEYBOARD routine at $02bf in the ROM of
 the original 48K Spectrum.
 The following driver replicates exactly the code from the original
 ROM (although slightly re-ordered). It may be used as a base for
 a replacement.
 Possible uses for replacement keyboard drivers might be:
       * For use with alternative international keyboard layouts
       * Adding a multi-byte buffer to allow faster typing
 Be aware that the driver is called by all ROMs, so should support
 keyword tokens (unless you don't intend to use 48K BASIC mode, or only
 intend to use 48K BASIC mode using the Gosh Wonderful ROM in standard
; single-letter entry).
 *******************
 * System variable definitions
KSTATE equ
              $5c00
LAST_K equ
              $5c08
REPDEL equ
              $5c09
REPPER equ
              $5c0a
 ********************
 * KEYBOARD routine (at $02bf in original 48K ROM)
                            ; this is the entry point for the driver
       org
              $0000
```

```
keyboard:
reloc_1:
        call
                 key_scan
        ret
                 nz
        ld
                 hl, KSTATE
keyboard_2:
        bit
                 7,(hl)
                 nz, keyboard_3
        jr
        inc
                 hl
        dec
                 (h1)
        dec
                 hl
                 nz, keyboard_3
        jr
        ld
                 (h1),$ff
keyboard_3:
        ld
                 a,1
                 hl, KSTATE+$04
        ld
        ср
                 1
                 nz, keyboard_2
        jr
reloc_2:
        call
                 k_test
        ret
                 nc
        ld
                 hl, KSTATE
        ср
                 (h1)
        jr
                 z, k_repeat
        ex
                 de,hl
        ld
                 hl, KSTATE+$04
                 (h1)
        ср
        jr
                 z, k_repeat
        bit
                 7,(hl)
                 nz, keyboard_4
        jr
        ex
                 de,hl
        bit
                 7,(hl)
        ret
keyboard_4:
        ld
                 e,a
        ld
                 (h1),a
        inc
                 hl
                 (h1),$05
        ld
        inc
                 hl
                 a, (REPDEL)
        ld
        ld
                 (hl),a
        inc
                 hl
                 c, (iy + $07)
        ld
        ld
                 d,(iy+$01)
        push
                 hl
reloc_3:
        call
                 k_decode
        pop
                 hl
        ld
                 (h1),a
keyboard_5:
                 (LAST_K), a
        ld
        set
                 5, (iy+$01)
        ret
  * K-REPEAT routine (at $0310 in original 48K ROM)
k_repeat:
```

hl

inc

```
ld
               (h1),$05
       inc
               hl
       dec
               (h1)
       ret
               nz
       1d
               a, (REPPER)
       1d
               (hl),a
       inc
               hl
       ld
               a,(hl)
               keyboard_5
       jr
 ********************
  * Keytables
              ****************
 These are copies of the key tables from original 48K ROM
; The L-mode keytable with CAPS-SHIFT
keytable_1:
       defm
               "BHY65TGV"
       defm
               "NJU74RFC"
       defm
               "MKI83EDX"
       defm
               $0e, "L092WSZ"
       defm
               " ", $0d, "P01QA"
; The extended-mode keytable (unshifted letters)
keytable_e:
       defb
               $e3,$c4,$e0,$e4
       defb
               $b4,$bc,$bd,$bb
               $af,$b0,$b1,$c0
       defb
               $a7,$a6,$be,$ad
       defb
       defb
               $b2,$ba,$e5,$a5
               $c2,$e1,$b3,$b9
       defb
       defb
               $c1,$b8
; The extended mode keytable (shifted letters)
keytable_e_s:
       defb
               $7e,$dc,$da,$5c
       defb
               $b7,$7b,$7d,$d8
       defb
               $bf,$ae,$aa,$ab
       defb
               $dd,$de,$df,$7f
       defb
               $b5,$d6,$7c,$d5
       defb
               $5d,$db,$b6,$d9
       defb
               $5b,$d7
; The control code keytable (CAPS-SHIFTed digits)
keytable_cc:
               $0c,$07,$06,$04
       defb
       defb
               $05,$08,$0a,$0b
       defb
               $09,$0f
; The symbol code keytable (letters with symbol shift)
keytable_sym:
       defb
               $e2,$2a,$3f,$cd
       defb
               $c8,$cc,$cb,$5e
       defb
               $ac,$2d,$2b,$3d
       defb
               $2e,$2c,$3b,$22
       defb
               $c7,$3c,$c3,$3e
```

```
defb
              $c5,$2f,$c9,$60
       defb
              $c6,$3a
; The extended mode keytable (SYM-SHIFTed digits)
keytable_e_d:
       defb
              $d0,$ce,$a8,$ca
       defb
              $d3,$d4,$d1,$d2
       defb
              $a9,$cf
 *******************
 * KEY-SCAN routine (at $028e in original 48K ROM)
key_scan:
       ld
              1,$2f
       ld
              de, $ffff
       ld
              bc,$fefe
key_scan_2:
       in
              a,(c)
       cpl
       and
              $1f
       jr
              z, key_scan_5
       ld
              h,a
       1d
              a,1
key_scan_3:
       inc
              d
       ret
              nz
key_scan_4:
              $08
       sub
       srl
              h
       jr
              nc, key_scan_4
       ld
              d,e
       ld
              e,a
       jr
              nz, key_scan_3
key_scan_5:
              1
       dec
       rlc
              b
              c, key_scan_2
       jr
       ld
              a,d
       inc
              a
       ret
              $28
       ср
       ret
              Z
       ср
              $19
       ret
              Ζ
       ld
              a,e
       ld
              e,d
       ld
              d,a
       ср
              $18
       ret
 ********************
 * K-TEST routine (at $031e in original 48K ROM)
k_test:
       ld
              b, d
       ld
              d,$00
       ld
              a,e
```

```
$27
        ср
        ret
                 nc
                 $18
        ср
                 nz,k_test2
        jr
        bit
                 7, b
        ret
                 nz
k test2:
reloc_4:
        1d
                 hl,keytable_l ; the main keytable
        add
                 hl, de
                 a, (hl)
        ld
        scf
        ret
  * K-DECODE routine (at $0333 in original 48K ROM)
k_decode:
        ld
                 a,e
        ср
                 $3a
        jr
                 c, k_decode_6
        dec
reloc_5:
                 m, k_decode_4
        jр
                 z,k_decode_2
        jr
        add
                 a,$4f
        ret
k_decode_2:
reloc_6:
        1d
                 hl, keytable_e-'A'
        inc
                 z,k_decode_3
        jr
reloc_7:
        1d
                 hl, keytable_e_s-'A'
k_decode_3:
                 d,$00
        ld
                 hl, de
        add
                 a, (hl)
        ld
        ret
k_decode_4:
reloc_8:
        ld
                 hl, keytable_sym-'A'
        bit
                 0,b
                 z, k_decode_3
        jr
        bit
                 3, d
        jr
                 z, k_decode_5
        bit
                 3,(iy+$30)
        ret
                 nz
        inc
                 b
        ret
                 nz
        add
                 a,$20
        ret
k_decode_5:
        add
                 a,$a5
        ret
k_decode_6:
                 $30
        ср
        ret
                 С
        dec
                 С
reloc_9:
```

```
jр
               m, k_decode_9
               nz, k_decode_8
       jr
reloc_10:
               hl, keytable_e_d-'0'
       ld
       bit
               5, b
               z,k_decode_3
       jr
       ср
               $38
               nc, k_decode_7
       jr
       sub
               $20
       inc
               b
       ret
               Z
       add
               a,$08
       ret
k_decode_7:
       sub
               $36
       inc
               b
       ret
               Ζ
       add
               a,$fe
       ret
k_decode_8:
reloc_11:
       ld
               hl, keytable_cc-'0'
       ср
               $39
       jr
               z, k_decode_3
       ср
               $30
       jr
               z, k_decode_3
       and
               $07
       add
               a,$80
       inc
               b
       ret
               7
               $0f
       xor
       ret
k_decode_9:
       inc
               b
       ret
               Ζ
               5,b
       bit
reloc_12:
               hl, keytable_cc-'0'
       ld
               nz, k_decode_3
       jr
               $10
       sub
               $22
       ср
               z, k_decode_10
       jr
       ср
               $20
       ret
       ld
               a, $5f
       ret
k_decode_10:
       ld
               a,$40
       ret
 *******************
 * Relocation table
 *******************
; This follows directly after the full 512 bytes of the driver.
       defs
               512-$
if ($ != 512)
.ERROR Driver code exceeds 512 bytes
endif
```

; Each relocation is the offset of the high byte of an address to be relocated.

```
reloc_start:
                     reloc_1+2
          defw
                     reloc_2+2
reloc_3+2
reloc_4+2
reloc_5+2
          defw
          defw
          defw
          defw
                    reloc_6+2
reloc_7+2
reloc_8+2
          defw
          defw
          defw
                     reloc_9+2
          defw
                     reloc_10+2
          defw
                     reloc_11+2
          defw
          defw
                     reloc_12+2
reloc_end:
```

# Keyboard driver example (file 2 of 2) - keyboard\_drv.asm

```
* Example NextZXOS keyboard driver file
 This file generates the actual keyboard.drv file which can be installed
 using the .install command, to replace the built-in keyboard driver.
 The driver itself (keyboard.asm) must first be built.
 Assemble this file with: pasmo keyboard_drv.asm keyboard.drv
 ********************
 ; Pull in the symbol file for the driver itself and calculate the number of
; relocations used.
      include "keyboard.sym"
relocs equ
            (reloc_end-reloc_start)/2
 *******************
 * .DRV file header
              The keyboard driver id is always zero (bit 7 may be set but will always be
 treated as if it is set, since the keyboard driver is always called on
; interrupts).
      org
            $0000
      defm
            "NDRV"
                        ; .DRV file signature
                        ; keyboard driver id
      defb
            $00
                        ; number of relocation entries (0..255)
      defb
            relocs
      defb
                        ; number of additional 8K DivMMC RAM banks
                        ; number of additional 8K Spectrum RAM banks
      defb
 *******************
 * Driver binary
; The driver + relocation table should now be included.
```

incbin "keyboard.bin"

## **List of updates**

#### **Updates: 19 Aug 2018**

Noted that dot commands are now loaded from C:/DOT rather than C:/BIN. This makes it easier for esxDOS and NextZXOS to co-exist.

#### **Updates: 17 Aug 2018**

Added new IDE\_MOUNT call in the +3DOS API for unmounting/remounting SD cards.

#### **Updates: 15 Aug 2018**

Added new reason to the system driver API used by .UNINSTALL.

Added more information to the driver section.

Updated example driver (border.asm and border\_drv.asm) with sample code for bank allocation and usage.

Added sample printer driver.

# Updates: 6 Aug 2018

Updated M\_DOSVERSION which now additionally provides ROM language information. Updated lists of deprecated +3DOS/IDEDOS calls.

### **Updates: 31 Jul 2018**

Added further notes on IDE\_SNAPLOAD.

# Updates: 15 Jul 2018

Added BROWSERCAPS\_UNMOUNT capability to IDE\_BROWSER.

# <u>Updates: 13 Jul 2018</u>

Added new rc\_fragmented error code.

Added new options to **IDE\_SWAP\_OPEN** to allow any named (unfragmented) file to be opened and used as a swap file.

Deprecated **IDE\_SWAP\_EX**.

Noted that **DOS\_READ/DOS\_WRITE/IDE\_SWAP\_IN/IDE\_SWAP\_OUT** can take any valid 16K RAM page number 0-111, not just 0-7 as on the +3/+3e.

#### Updates: 8 Jul 2018

Updated IDE\_DOS\_MAP and IDE\_DOS\_MAPPING calls with special device \$ff indicating a mounted filesystem image (.P3D or .DSK file).

# Updates: 28 Jun 2018

Added new rc\_bank\_available reason to the IDE\_BANK call. Added note about the order of bank allocation.

# Updates: 26 Jun 2018

Added M\_SETCAPS hook to modify behaviour of other calls. Currently allows F\_FTRUNCATE/F\_TRUNCATE to be sped up by omitting to zeroise any new file sections.

#### Updates: 8 Jun 2018

The IDE\_BROWSER call now returns the address of an LFN (in DE), as well as the short name (in HL).

# Updates: 12 Mar 2018

Updated driver API to allow an additional driver for the keyboard to be installed, replacing the standard keyboard driver.

Added example keyboard driver (keyboard.asm & keyboard\_drv.asm).

#### Updates: 28 Jan 2018

Added new M\_DRVAPI hook providing acceess to a new API for installable drivers.

Added new IDE\_DRIVER call to access new driver API from +3DOS.

Added notes on the new driver API and optional driver channel API, with a worked example (border.asm & border\_drv.asm).

Rewrote the notes about dot commands.

Added **RST \$20** facility to terminate a dot command and bootstrap a game/application.

# **Updates: 18 Jan 2018**

Added more information about dot commands.

Added M\_GETHANDLE, M\_EXECCMD and M\_GETERR hooks.

#### Updates: 17 Jan 2018

Added note about turning off layer 2 writes.

Added note about layer 2 banks in IDE\_BANK call.

#### Updates: 15 Jan 2018

Added general descriptions of the +3DOS-compatible and esxDOS-compatible APIs.

Added full documentation for the esxDOS-compatible API.

#### <u>Updates: 12 Dec 2017</u>

Updated details of the **IDE\_GET\_LFN** call. This now additionally returns the file's size and last update time & date.

Added new IDE\_RTC call for querying the real-time-clock (if present).

# Updates: 30 Nov 2017

Updated details of the **IDE\_BROWSER** call. This now has a capabilities mask allowing selected functionality to be enabled or disabled as desired. Also added note about using as a save file dialog.

# <u>Updates: 23 Nov 2017</u>

The IDE\_STREAM\_LINEIN call has been removed and replaced by a new IDE\_WINDOW\_LINEIN call.

Added new  ${\tt IDE\_INTEGER\_VAR}$  call for accessing NextBASIC integer variables.

Noted that the IDE\_STREAM\_\* calls may corrupt the alternate register set, in addition to the effects on the standard register set noted for each individual call. (The special note about memory configuration has also been removed for the

IDE\_WINDOW\_\* calls; this applies only to the IDE\_STREAM\_\* calls).

# <u>Updates: 14 Nov 2017</u>

Added note that it is now possible to use the wildcard character \* in the IDE\_BROWSER call to match remaining characters in the filetype (with examples).

Added more notes on the IDE\_STREAM\_LINEIN call.

Added new IDE\_WINDOW\_STRING call.