

INT 13,2 - Read Disk Sectors

AH = 02
 AL = number of sectors to read (1-128 dec.)
 CH = track/cylinder number (0-1023 dec., see below)
 CL = sector number (1-17 dec.)
 DH = head number (0-15 dec.)
 DL = drive number (0=A:, 1=2nd floppy, 80h=drive 0, 81h=drive 1)
 ES:BX = pointer to buffer

on return:

AH = status (see [INT 13,STATUS](#))
 AL = number of sectors read
 CF = 0 if successful
 = 1 if error

- BIOS disk reads should be retried at least three times and the controller should be reset upon error detection
- be sure ES:BX does not cross a 64K segment boundary or a DMA boundary error will occur
- many programming references list only floppy disk register values
- only the disk number is checked for validity
- the parameters in CX change depending on the number of cylinders; the track/cylinder number is a 10 bit value taken from the 2 high order bits of CL and the 8 bits in CH (low order 8 bits of track):

F E D C B A 9 8 7 6 5-0	CX
	sector number
	high order 2 bits of track/cylinder
-----	low order 8 bits of track/cyl number

- see [INT 13,A](#)