

1. General

A set of functions for managing all Datecs ESC/POS printers.

1.1. PrnOpen

Opens the serial port and performs initialization of the printer

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnOpen(int port, int speed, bool hardware);
```

Parameters

port

com port number

speed

com port speed

hardware

if true, turns on RTS/CTS handshaking, false goes back to XON/OFF

Return value

ERR_OK - printer is ready

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.2. PrnClose

Closes the serial port

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnClose();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - printer is ready

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.3. PrnSensors

Returns the value of the printer sensors

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnSensors();
```

Return value

Value >=0 gives sensor bits

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.4. PrnText

Prints text with specified font/styles.

This function can act as both simple plain text printing and quite complex printing using internal tags to format the text. The function uses the currently font size and style (or default ones) as well as the aligning, however it allows modifications of them inside the text. Any modification of the settings using the tags will be reverted when function completes execution. For example if you have default font selected before using

printText and set bold font inside, it will be reverted to plain when function completes. The tags are control commands used to modify the text printing parameters. They are surrounded by { } brackets. A list of all control tags follows:

- * {==} - reverts all settings to their defaults. It includes font size, style, intensity, aligning

- * {=Fx} - selects font size. x ranges from 0 to 7 as follows:

- * 0: FONT_9X16

- * 1: FONT_18X16

- * 2: FONT_9X32

- * 3: FONT_18X32

- * 4: FONT_12X24

- * 5: FONT_24X24

- * 6: FONT_12X48

- * 7: FONT_24X48

- * {=L} - left text aligning

- * {=C} - center text aligning

- * {=R} - right text aligning

- * {=J} - justified text

- * {=Rx} - text rotation as follows:

- * 0: not rotated

- * 1: rotated 90 degrees

- * 2: rotated 180 degrees

- * {=Ix} - sets intensity level as follows:

- * 0: intensity 70%

- * 1: intensity 80%

- * 2: intensity 90%

- * 3: intensity 100%

- * 4: intensity 120%

- * 5: intensity 150%

- * {+/-B} - sets or unsets bold font style

- * {+/-I} - sets or unsets italic font style

- * {+/-U} - sets or unsets underline font style

- * {+/-V} - sets or unsets inverse font style

- * {+/-W} - sets or unsets text word-wrapping

An example of using tags "{=C}Plain centered text\n{=L}Left centered\n{+B}...bold...{-B}{+I}or ITALIC"

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnText(char *printtext);
```

Parameters

printtext

pointer to string containing text to be printed

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.5. PrnImage

Prints image file using specified aligning

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnImage(char *file, int align);
```

Parameters

file

pointer to string containing the file path and file name of the image file. Supported formats are BMP, JPG, GIF, TIFF, PNG

align

bitmap aligning, one of:

Value	Meaning
ALIGN_LEFT(0)	left aligning
ALIGN_CENTER(1)	center aligning
ALIGN_RIGHT(2)	right aligning

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.6. PrnLogo

Prints the logo, stored into the printer (if any)

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnLogo();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.7. SetLogo

Sets (or clears) the printer's logo. The logo is persistent.

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnSetLogo(char *file);
```

Parameters

file

pointer to string containing the file path and file name of the image file. Pass NULL to clear the logo. Supported formats are BMP, JPG, GIF, TIFF, PNG. Every printer have limitations of the supported logo sizes, you can get the sizes with [PrnGetPrinterInfo](#) function

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

ERR_INVALID_PARAMS - either logo file is invalid, cannot be loaded or the logo exceeds the maximum size

1.8. PrnIntensity

Changes printing intensity level

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnIntensity(int intensity);
```

Parameters

intensity

intensity level, one of:

Value	Meaning
INTENSITY_70(0)	70%
INTENSITY_80(1)	80%
INTENSITY_90(2)	90%
INTENSITY_100(3)	100%
INTENSITY_120(4)	120%
INTENSITY_150(5)	150%

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.9. PrnPaperCut

Uses the printer cutter if the current printer supports it, or it feeds the paper otherwise

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnPaperCut();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.10. PrnPaperFeed

Feeds the paper X lines

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnPaperFeed(int lines);
```

Parameters

lines

lines to feed the paper in pixels (1/203 of the inch)

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.11. PrnBarcodeSettings

Sets the various barcode parameters

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnBarcodeSettings(int align, int scale, int textpos, int height);
```

Parameters

align

barcode aligning, one of:

Value	Meaning
ALIGN_LEFT(0)	left aligning
ALIGN_CENTER(1)	center aligning
ALIGN_RIGHT(2)	right aligning

scale

barcode scaling, one of:

Value	Meaning
BAR_SCALE_2(2)	2 pixel lines
BAR_SCALE_3(3)	3 pixel lines
BAR_SCALE_4(4)	4 pixel lines

textpos

the position of the HRI code, one of:

Value	Meaning
BAR_TEXT_NONE(0)	no HRI code is being drawn
BAR_TEXT_ABOVE(1)	HRI code drawn above the barcode
BAR_TEXT_BELOW(2)	HRI code drawn below the barcode
BAR_TEXT_BOTH(3)	HRI code drawn both above and below the barcode

height

barcode height, between 1 and 255, default is 162

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.12. PrnBarcode

Prints a barcode with the parameters specified with [PrnBarcodeSettings](#)

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnBarcode(int type, char *data, int len);
```

Parameters

type

barcode type, one of:

Value	Meaning
BAR_UPCA(0)	UPC-A
BAR_UPCE(1)	UPC-E
BAR_EAN13(2)	EAN-13
BAR_EAN8(3)	EAN-8

BAR_CODE39(4)	Code 39
BAR_ITF(5)	ITF
BAR_CODABAR(6)	Codabar
BAR_CODE93(7)	Code 93
BAR_CODE128(8)	Code 128
BAR_PDF417(9)	PDF-417

data

pointer to barcode data

len

the size of the barcode data

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_INVALID_PARAMS - some of the input parameters contain wrong value

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - barcode type is not supported

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.13. PrnBarcodePDF417

Prints PDF-417 barcode

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnBarcodePDF417(int type, int encoding, int eccl, int size, unsigned char *data, int datalen);
```

Parameters

type

PDF-417 type, one of:

Value	Meaning
0	Standard
1	Truncated

encoding

encoding type, one of:

Value	Meaning
0	Automatic
1	Binary

eccl

Error correction control level. Possible values 0 to 9. ECCL=9 automatically selects correction level dependent on data length.

size

barcode size, one of:

Value	Meaning
0	Width=2, Height=4
1	Width=2, Height=9
2	Width=2, Height=15
3	Width=2, Height=20

4	Width=7, Height=4
5	Width=7, Height=9
6	Width=7, Height=15
7	Width=7, Height=20
8	Width=12, Height=4
9	Width=12, Height=9
10	Width=12, Height=15
11	Width=12, Height=20
12	Width=20, Height=4
13	Width=20, Height=9
14	Width=20, Height=15
15	Width=20, Height=20

data

pointer to barcode data

datalen

the size of the barcode data

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_INVALID_PARAMS - some of the input parameters contain wrong value

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - barcode type is not supported

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.14. PrnBarcodeQRCode

Prints QR CODE barcode

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnBarcodeQRCode(int size, int eccl, unsigned char *data, int datalen);
```

Parameters

size

barcode symbol size. Possible values: 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14

eccl

Error correction control level, one of:

Value	Meaning
1	7%
2	15%
3	25%
4	30%

data

pointer to barcode data

datalen

the size of the barcode data

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_INVALID_PARAMS - some of the input parameters contain wrong value

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - barcode type is not supported

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.15. PrnCodepage

Changes active code page if possible

Some printers require manually enabling this with hardware switch (look for ESC t in the printer's manual)

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnCodepage(int codepage);
```

Parameters

codepage

code page identifier

OEM code pages:

Value	Meaning
437	IBM PC
737	Greek
775	Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian
850	"Multilingual (Latin-1)" (Western European languages)
852	"Slavic (Latin-2)" (Central and Eastern European languages)
856	Cyrillic
857	Turkish
860	Portuguese
862	Hebrew
866	Cyrillic

Windows ANSI code pages

Value	Meaning
1250	Central and East European Latin
1251	Cyrillic
1252	West European Latin
1253	Greek
1254	Turkish
1255	Hebrew
1257	Baltic

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - the printer does not support the codepage selected

1.16. PrnPaperWidth

Returns current printer's paper width in pixels (1/203 of inch)

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnPaperWidth();
```

Return value

Paper width in pixels

1.17. PrnDelimiter

Draws a line with a specified font and char. The line occupies the whole paper width so it is useful for delimiters

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnDelimiter(char delimchar, int font);
```

Parameters

delimchar

the symbol to be drawn, usually '-'

font

font style, one of the:

Value	Meaning
FONT_9X16(0)	Font 9x16
FONT_18X16(1)	Font 18x16
FONT_9X32(2)	Font 9x32
FONT_18X32(3)	Font 18x32
FONT_12X24(4)	Font 12x24 (default)
FONT_24X24(5)	Font 24x24
FONT_12X48(6)	Font 12x48
FONT_24X48(7)	Font 24x48

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - communication error

1.18. PrnGetCharWidth

Calculates the complete character width (plus intercharacter space) of a single character at given font

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnGetCharWidth(int font);
```

Parameters

font

font style, one of the:

Value	Meaning
FONT_9X16(0)	Font 9x16
FONT_18X16(1)	Font 18x16
FONT_9X32(2)	Font 9x32
FONT_18X32(3)	Font 18x32
FONT_12X24(4)	Font 12x24 (default)

FONT_24X24(5)	Font 24x24
FONT_12X48(6)	Font 12x48
FONT_24X48(7)	Font 24x48

Return value

Character width in pixels

1.19. PrnGetCharHeight

Calculates the complete character height of a single character at given font

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnGetCharHeight(int font);
```

Parameters

font

font style, one of the:

Value	Meaning
FONT_9X16(0)	Font 9x16
FONT_18X16(1)	Font 18x16
FONT_9X32(2)	Font 9x32
FONT_18X32(3)	Font 18x32
FONT_12X24(4)	Font 12x24 (default)
FONT_24X24(5)	Font 24x24
FONT_12X48(6)	Font 12x48
FONT_24X48(7)	Font 24x48

Return value

Character height in pixels

1.20. PrnGetTextWidth

Calculates the complete text width (plus intercharacter space) at given font

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnGetTextWidth(char *text, int font);
```

Parameters

text

null-terminated string to calculate the width of

font

font style, one of the:

Value	Meaning
FONT_9X16(0)	Font 9x16
FONT_18X16(1)	Font 18x16
FONT_9X32(2)	Font 9x32
FONT_18X32(3)	Font 18x32
FONT_12X24(4)	Font 12x24 (default)
FONT_24X24(5)	Font 24x24

FONT_12X48(6)	Font 12x48
FONT_24X48(7)	Font 24x48

Return value

Text width in pixels

1.21. PrnGetPrinterModel

Returns the currently connected printer model

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnGetPrinterModel();
```

Parameters

text

null-terminated string to calculate the width of

font

font style, one of the:

Value	Meaning
PRINTER_PP50(0)	PP-50
PRINTER_PP55(1)	PP-55
PRINTER_PP60(2)	PP-60
PRINTER_CMP10(3)	CMP-10
PRINTER_DPP250(4)	DPP-250
PRINTER_DPP350(5)	DPP-350
PRINTER_EP50(6)	EP-50
PRINTER_EP55(7)	EP-55
PRINTER_EP60(8)	EP-60
PRINTER_EP300(9)	EP-300
PRINTER_EP1000(10)	EP-1000
PRINTER_DK2300(11)	DK2300

Return value

Printer model

1.22. PrnGetPrinterInfo

Returns combined information about the current printer - name, version, flags, supported modules, etc

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnGetPrinterInfo(PRINTER_INFORMATION *information);
```

Parameters

info

ponter to PRINTER_INFORMATION structure

Return value

ERR_OK upon success

2. Magnetic Card

Functions related to the magnetic stripe reader module.

2.1. MSReadCard

Reads magnetic stripe card

Syntax

```
int MSReadCard(char *track1, char *track2, char *track3, long timeout);
```

Parameters

track1

buffer for holding returned card data, minimum of 80 bytes. Pass NULL if you don't want track 1 contents.

track2

buffer for holding returned card data, minimum of 41 bytes. Pass NULL if you don't want track 2 contents.

track3

buffer for holding returned card data, minimum of 108 bytes. Pass NULL if you don't want track 3 contents.

timeout

timeout in milliseconds to read the card data. The actual scan time may differ, but will be as close as possible to this value

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - timeout reading card

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - the printer connected does not support reading magnetic cards

2.2. MSProcessFinancialCard

Extracts financial data (such as name, number, expiration date) from financial magnetic card

Syntax

```
int MSProcessFinancialCard(char *track1, char *track2, FINANCIAL_CARD *data);
```

Parameters

track1

track 1 data returned from @PrnMSReadCard or NULL

track2

track 2 data returned from @PrnMSReadCard or NULL

data

pointer to FINANCIAL_CARD structure. Every field that can be decoded will be filled.

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - the card data passed is not from a valid financial card

3. SmartCard

Functions related to the smartcard reader module.

3.1. SCOpen

Initializes and powers up smartcard reader module

Syntax

```
int SCOpen();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - no smartcard reader module present

3.2. SCClose

Powers down smartcard reader module

Syntax

```
int SCClose();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - error communicating with the reader

3.3. SCReset

Resets the smartcard and returns the ATR. Call this function before sending any APDU commands

Syntax

```
int SCReset(int *protocol, unsigned char *atr, int *atr_length);
```

Parameters

protocol

card communication protocol, one of:

Value	Meaning
0	T0
1	T1

atr

data buffer where the ATR is returned

atr_length

pass the size of atr buffer, upon exit it will contain the count of the bytes written in the atr buffer. If atr buffer is not big enough, then function will return ERR_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL and atr_length will contain the bytes needed

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - error communicating with the reader

ERR_BUFFER_TOO_SMALL - the size of atr buffer is not enough

3.4. SCAPDU_write

Sends APDU write request

Syntax

```
int SCAPDU_write(int cla, int ins, int p1, int p2, unsigned char *write_buffer, int write_length, unsigned char *st1, unsigned char *st2);
```

Parameters

cla

the CLA parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

ins

the INS parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

p1

the P1 parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

p2

the P2 parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

write_buffer

pointer to a byte array to write to the card or NULL if you don't want to send any data with the command

write_length

the length of the data, pointed by write_buffer

st1

pointer to a byte, where ST1 is returned after successfull APDU operation. Pass NULL if you don't want this value.

st2

pointer to a byte, where ST2 is returned after successfull APDU operation. Pass NULL if you don't want this value.

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - error communicating with the reader

3.5. SCAPDU_read

Sends APDU read request

Syntax

```
int SCAPDU_read(int cla, int ins, int p1, int p2, unsigned char *read_buffer, int read_length, unsigned char *st1, unsigned char *st2);
```

Parameters

cla

the CLA parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

ins

the INS parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

p1

the P1 parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

p2

the P2 parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

read_buffer

pointer to a byte array to write to store the returned card information

read_length

the length of the data (0-255 bytes) you want to read

st1

pointer to a byte, where ST1 is returned after successfull APDU operation. Pass NULL if you don't want this value.

st2

pointer to a byte, where ST2 is returned after successfull APDU operation. Pass NULL if you don't want this value.

Return value

Result value greater or equal to zero represents the bytes of data returned from the card, negative value means error.

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - error communicating with the reader

3.6. SCAPDU_combined

Sends combined APDU read/write request

Syntax

```
int SCAPDU_combined(int cla, int ins, int p1, int p2, unsigned char *write_buffer, int write_length,  
unsigned char *read_buffer, int read_length, unsigned char *st1, unsigned char *st2);
```

Parameters

cla

the CLA parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

ins

the INS parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

p1

the P1 parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

p2

the P2 parameter. Consult smartcard documentation.

write_buffer

pointer to a byte array to write to the card or NULL if you don't want to send any data with the command

write_length

the length of the data, pointed by write_buffer

read_buffer

pointer to a byte array to write to store the returned card information

read_length

the length of the data (0-255 bytes) you want to read

st1

pointer to a byte, where ST1 is returned after successfull APDU operation. Pass NULL if you don't want this value.

st2

pointer to a byte, where ST2 is returned after successful APDU operation. Pass NULL if you don't want this value.

Return value

Result value greater or equal to zero represents the bytes of data returned from the card, negative value means error.

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_TIMEOUT - error communicating with the reader

4. Mifare

Functions related to the mifare reader module.

4.1. MFIdent

Returns mifare reader identification string. You have to call [MFInit](#) first

Syntax

```
int MFIdent(char *ident);
```

Parameters

ident

returns mifare reader identification string (max 32 characters)

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

MF_STAT_TIMEOUT - mifare reader failed to respond

4.2. MFInit

Initializes and powers on the mifare reader module. Call this function before any other mifare functions.

Syntax

```
int MFInit();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

MF_STAT_TIMEOUT - mifare reader failed to respond

4.3. MFClose

Powers down mifare reader module. Call this function after you are done with the mifare reader.

Syntax

```
int MFClose();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

MF_STAT_TIMEOUT - mifare reader failed to respond

4.4. MFRequestCard

Scans for mifare cards in the area

Syntax

```
int MFRequestCard(int type, unsigned long *serial);
```

Parameters

type

card communication protocol, one of:

Value	Meaning
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MF_REQUEST_IDLE_CARDS(0)	Return only cards that are not halted
MF_REQUEST_ALL_CARDS(1)	Return all cards

serial

upon success, card serial will be returned here

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.5. MFSelectCard

Selects a card to operate with

Syntax

```
int MFSelectCard(unsigned long serial);
```

Parameters

serial

card serial number, returned from [MFRequestCard](#)

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.6. MFHaltCard

Puts the selected with [MFSelectCard](#) card into halted state, such card will not show from [MFRequestCard](#) with type set to MF_REQUEST_IDLE_CARDS

Syntax

```
int MFHaltCard();
```

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.7. MFAuthByKey

Authenticate with mifare card

Syntax

```
int MFAuthByKey(char type, int block, unsigned char key[6]);
```

Parameters

type

key type, either 'A' or 'B'

block

block number

key

6 bytes key

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.8. MFRead

Reads a 16 byte block of data

Syntax

```
int MFRead(int address, unsigned char data[16]);
```

Parameters

address

address of what to read

data

buffer to return the 16 bytes of data if successful

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.9. MFWrite

Writes a 16 byte block of data

Syntax

```
int MFWrite(int address, unsigned char data[16]);
```

Parameters

address

address to write to

data

16 bytes block of data

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.10. MFValueOperation

Performs increment/decrement/restore operations on value cards

Syntax

```
int MFValueOperation(int operation, int src_block, int dst_block, long value);
```

Parameters

operation

operation to perform, one of:

Value	Meaning
MF_OPERATION_INCREMENT(0xC0)	increment with value
MF_OPERATION_DECREMENT(0xC1)	decrement with value
MF_OPERATION_RESTORE(0xC2)	restore the value

src_block

source block number

dst_block

destination block number

value

the value to increment/decrement with

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.11. MFRGetSerial

Returns mifare reader's serial number

Syntax

```
int MFRGetSerial(long *serial);
```

Parameters

serial

where the 4 byte serial number will be returned

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

4.12. MFWriteValue

Writes a 4 byte value in the card

Syntax

```
int MFWriteValue(int address, long value);
```

Parameters

address

address to write to

value

4 bytes block of data to write

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed, or one of the MF_STAT_* constants upon error

5. Barcode

Functions related to the barcode reader module.

5.1. BarcodeType2Text

Helper function to return string name of barcode type

Syntax

```
void BarcodeType2Text(int type, char *text);
```

Parameters

type

barcode type returned from [BarcodeScan](#)

text

string, where the barcode type is supported. Make sure it is at least 32 bytes long

5.2. BarcodeScan

Scans barcode using the built-in barcode scanning engine

Syntax

```
int BarcodeScan(int *type, char *barcode, int maxlen);
```

Parameters

type

upon success, barcode type is returned here, one of the BARCODE_* constants

barcode

string, where the barcode data is returned.

maxlen

the size of the buffere pointed by barcode parameter

Return value

ERR_OK - barcode successfully scanned

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - barcode reader not supported, or barcode engine error

ERR_TIMEOUT - timeout scanning barcode

5.3. PrnSetEuroCode

Sets the ASCII code that will be used to output euro sign.

Syntax

```
int __stdcall PrnSetEuroCode(int code);
```

Parameters

code

ASCII code for euro sign (0-255). Passing 0 disables the euro sign. Default is disabled.

Return value

ERR_OK - operation completed

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - this printer does not support defining custom euro code

ERR_TIMEOUT - timeout sending the data

ERR_INVALID_PARAMS - code parameter have wrong value

6. Direct Communication

Functions for directly controlling the printer and modules, attached to it

6.1. CommWrite

Direct sending of data to some of the printer's communication channels.

Due to the implemented caching, the data to CHANNEL_PRN is not sent immediately, but rather cached until read function (like @ComRead) is called or it is flushed by @FlushCache. The other channels are not cached.

Syntax

```
int __stdcall CommWrite(int channel, void *data, int size);
```

Parameters

channel

communication channel, one of:

Value	Meaning
CHANNEL_PRN(1)	printing channel, all printers support it. It is always open
CHANNEL_SMARTCARD(2)	smartcard channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_GPRS(5)	GSM/GPRS channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_UR(16)	Universal Reader channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first

data

data to send

size

length of the data buffer

Return value

ERR_OK - data was successfully sent

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - channel not supported on the current printer/configuration

6.2. CommRead

Direct data reading from some of the printer's communication channels. CommRead forces flushing of the write cache before performing the read operation.

Syntax

```
int __stdcall CommRead(int channel, void *data, int size, unsigned long timeout, int stopbyte);
```

Parameters

channel

communication channel, one of:

Value	Meaning
CHANNEL_PRN(1)	printing channel, all printers support it. It is always open
CHANNEL_SMARTCARD(2)	smartcard channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first

CHANNEL_GPRS(5)	GSM/GPRS channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_UR(16)	Universal Reader channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first

data

data to store the result

size

length of the data buffer

timeout

max timeout in milliseconds

stopbyte

pass -1 to disable, or any other value [0-255] to force reading to stop when received

Return value

Positive value - numbers of bytes read

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - channel not supported on the current printer/configuration

6.3. CommOpenChannel

Opens channel for use with **CommRead** and **CommWrite**. CHANNEL_PRN is opened by default

Syntax

```
int __stdcall CommOpenChannel(int channel);
```

Parameters

channel

communication channel, one of:

Value	Meaning
CHANNEL_PRN(1)	printing channel, all printers support it. It is always open
CHANNEL_SMARTCARD(2)	smartcard channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_GPRS(5)	GSM/GPRS channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_UR(16)	Universal Reader channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first

Return value

ERR_OK - data was successfully sent

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - channel not supported on the current printer/configuration

6.4. CommCloseChannel

Closes channel previously opened with **CommOpenChannel**. Do not use for CHANNEL_PRN.

Syntax

```
int __stdcall CommCloseChannel(int channel);
```

Parameters

channel

communication channel, one of:

Value	Meaning
CHANNEL_PRN(1)	printing channel, all printers support it. It is always open
CHANNEL_SMARTCARD(2)	smartcard channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_GPRS(5)	GSM/GPRS channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_UR(16)	Universal Reader channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first

Return value

ERR_OK - data was successfully sent

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - channel not supported on the current printer/configuration

6.5. CommCommand

Helper function to execute "command" on some channel. The said command is sent as 4 bytes header and data:

[cmd] [00] [insize(hibyte)] [insize(lobyte)] indata

A reply is received with the format

[st1] [st2] [outsize(hibyte)] [outsize(lobyte)] indata

Syntax

```
int __stdcall CommCommand(int channel, int cmd, void *indata, int insize, unsigned char *st1, unsigned char *st2, void *outdata, unsigned long timeout);
```

Parameters

channel

communication channel, one of:

Value	Meaning
CHANNEL_PRN(1)	printing channel, all printers support it. It is always open
CHANNEL_SMARTCARD(2)	smartcard channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_GPRS(5)	GSM/GPRS channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first
CHANNEL_UR(16)	Universal Reader channel, only some printers support and only in protocol mode. You have to open the channel with @CommOpenChanel first

indata

data to send with the command

insize

length of the data pointed by indata

st1

contains status code 1 upon successful execution. Pass NULL if you don't want it

st2

contains status code 2 upon successful execution. Pass NULL if you don't want it

outdata

buffer, where the result data is stored. Make sure the buffer is big enough to hold the data packet

Return value

ERR_OK - data was successfully sent

ERR_UNSUPPORTED - channel not supported on the current printer/configuration