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**Serial Communications**  
**Reference Library**

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## 1 Introduction

The **Windows Standard Serial Communications Library (WSC)** is a serial communication component DLL library that provides full control over a serial port. WSC uses the standard Windows API (Application Programmer's Interface) to communicate with any device connected to a serial port.

A simple interface allows accessing data from a serial port using RS232 or multi-drop RS422 / RS485 serial ports. **Windows Standard Serial Communications Library (WSC)** also supports virtual ports such as those created by Bluetooth and USB/serial converters.

The WSC Reference Manual (WSC\_REF) applies to the **Windows Standard Serial Communications Library (WSC)** for all supported languages. It contains details on each individual WSC function.

### 1.1 General Remarks

All functions return an integer code. Negative values are always errors. See "WSC Error Codes" in Section 5.1. Non-negative ( $\geq 0$ ) return codes are never errors.

Each function argument is marked as:

- (I) : 4-byte integer (Win32/Win64).
- (S) : 2-byte short integer (Win32/Win64).
- (L) : 4-byte integer (Win32/Win64).
- (P) : 4-byte pointer (Win32/Win64).

Refer to the declaration files (see Section 1.3 below) for the exact syntax of each WSC function. Also note that the example programs, found in the /APPS directory, show exactly how WSC functions are called.

The latest version of our serial comm software and complete technical documentation can be found online at <http://www.marshallsoft.com/serial-communication-library.htm>

### 1.2 Documentation Set

The complete set of documentation consists of four manuals. This is the third manual (WSC\_REF) in the set.

- [WSC\\_4x Programmer's Manual](#) (WSC\_4x.PDF)
- [WSC User's Manual](#) (WSC\_USR.PDF)
- [WSC Reference Manual](#) (WSC\_REF.PDF)
- [SERIAL User's Manual](#) (SERIAL.PDF)

Each manual comes in Adobe PDF format.

The WSC\_4x Programmer's Manual is the language dependent manual and provides information needed to compile your programs as well as the examples in the specified programming environment. The "x" in WSC\_4x Programmer's Manual specifies the host language such as C for C/C++, VB for Visual Basic, etc.

The WSC User's Manual ([WSC\\_USR](#)) discusses language independent serial communications programming issues including modem control. It also contains purchase and license information. The WSC Reference Manual ([WSC\\_REF](#)) contains details on each individual WSC function.

The Serial Communications Manual ([SERIAL](#)) contains background information on serial port hardware.

## 1.3 Declaration Files

The exact syntax for calling WSC functions are specific to the host language (C/C++, Delphi, VB, etc.) and are defined for each language in the “WSC declaration files”. Each WSC product comes with the appropriate declaration file for the supported language. For example,

WSC4C	C/C++, NET, C#	WSC.H
WSC4VB	Visual Basic	WSC64.BAS and WSC32.BAS
	VB.NET	WSC64.VB and WSC32.VB
	VBA (EXCEL, ACCESS, etc.)	WSC64.BAS and WSC32.BAS
WSC4PB	PowerBASIC	WSC32.PBI
WSC4D	Borland/Embarcadero Delphi	WSC64.PAS and WSC32.PAS
WSC4CB	Fujitsu COBOL	WSC32.CBI
WSC4FP	Visual FoxPro	WSC32.FOX
WSC4DB	Visual dBase	WSC32.CC
WSC4XB	Xbase++	WSC32.CH

## 1.4 Language Notes

All language versions of **Windows Standard Serial Communications Library (WSC)** include the example program WSCVER. Refer to this program and the declaration file as defined in Section 1.3 above to see how WSC functions are called.

The best way to see how a function is called is to find it used in one of the example programs. All WSC functions are used in one or more examples.

### 1.4.1 C/C++/C#

None.

### 1.4.2 Delphi

- (1) Functions defined in the Delphi Unit WSCW.PAS begin with "f" rather than "Sio".
- (2) Replace "=" with ":= " in the examples.

### 1.4.3 Visual Basic (and VB.NET)

None.

### 1.4.4 PowerBASIC

- for PowerBASIC (WSC32.PBI) begin with the character '%' symbol.
- (2) The WSC keycode is defined in KEYCODE.PBI.

### 1.4.5 Visual FoxPro

All strings passed to WSC functions must be prefixed with the '@' character.

### 1.4.6 Visual dBase

None.

### 1.4.7 Xbase++

- (1) Functions defined for Xbase++ begin with 'X'.
- (2) All strings passed to WSC functions must be prefixed with the '@' character.

## 2 WSC Functions

All parameters passed to WSC functions must be either an integer or a variable containing the address of a character buffer.

### 2.1 **SioBaud** :: Sets the baud rate.

#### SYNTAX

```
SioBaud(Port, Baud)
```

```
Port : (I) -1 or port selected.  
Baud : (I) Baud code or actual baud rate.
```

#### REMARKS

The **SioBaud** function sets the baud rate without resetting the port. It is used to change the baud rate after calling **SioOpen** (or **SioReset**). **SioBaud** may be called with either the actual baud rate value or one of the baud rate codes as follows:

[VALUE]	[RATE]	[NAME]
0	110	Baud110
1	300	Baud300
2	1200	Baud1200
3	2400	Baud2400
4	4800	Baud4800
5	9600	Baud9600
6	19200	Baud19200
7	38400	Baud38400
8	57600	Baud57600
9	115200	Baud115200

Note that the baud rate does not have to be one listed above. When **SioOpen** (or **SioReset**) is called, the baud rate is set to 19200 until changed by calling **SioBaud**. The 19200 default baud rate can be changed by calling **SioBaud** with Port set to -1 before calling **SioReset**. Subsequent calls to **SioOpen** (or **SioReset**) will then use the new default baud rate.

#### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioBaud(COM1, 28800)
```

#### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BAUDRATE (Unsupported baud rate)

## 2.2 SioBrkSig :: Asserts, cancels, or detects BREAK signal.

### SYNTAX

SioBrkSig(Port, Cmd)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Cmd : (I) ASSERT, CANCEL, or DETECT.

### REMARKS

The **SioBrkSig** function controls the BREAK bit in the line status register. The legal commands are:

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
WSC_ASSERT_BREAK	:	to assert BREAK
WSC_CANCEL_BREAK	:	to cancel BREAK
WSC_DETECT_BREAK	:	to detect BREAK

WSC\_ASSERT\_BREAK, WSC\_CANCEL\_BREAK, and WSC\_DETECT\_BREAK are defined in the language declaration file (see Section 1.3).

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_RANGE (Illegal command. Expected 'A', 'C', or 'D')

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioBrkSig(Port, WSC_ASSERT_BREAK)
```

## 2.3 SioByteToShort :: Converts 8-bit Character Buffer to 16-bit Unicode ASCII

### SYNTAX

SioByteToShort(Buffer)

Buffer : (P) character buffer

### REMARKS

The **SioByteToShort** function converts the (null terminated) character buffer 'Buffer' from 8-bit ASCII characters to 16-bit Unicode ASCII characters.

The buffer must be null terminated (last character is a hex 00) and the buffer must be at least twice the size (in bytes) of the character string (since 16-bit characters require twice the space as 8-bit characters).

This function is only necessary when working with 16-bit Unicode ASCII characters.

### RETURNS

None.

### EXAMPLE (C#)

```
char[] UnsafeBuffer = new char[128];
// get the registration string
fixed (char* pBuffer = UnsafeBuffer)
Code = SioGetReg(pBuffer, 50);
if(Code>0)
{
    // convert (null terminated) UnsafeBuffer[] to 16-bit chars (unicode)
    fixed (char* pBuffer = UnsafeBuffer)
        SioByteToShort(pBuffer);
}
```

### ALSO SEE

SioShortToByte



## 2.4 SioClose :: Closes open port

### SYNTAX

```
SioClose (Port)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioClose** function terminates further serial port processing, allowing other applications to use the port. **SioClose** should always be the last function called before exiting an application.

If an application is running from within an integrated development environment (IDE) and the application terminates without **SioClose** being called first, the IDE itself will prevent the port from being re-opened. Terminating the IDE will free the port.

\*\*\* Use **SioClose** instead of **SioDone** \*\*\*

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** or **SioOpen** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioClose (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

See SioOpen.

## 2.5 SioCRC16 :: Computes 16-Bit CRC

### SYNTAX

SioCRC16(Buffer, BufLen)

Buffer : (P) Character buffer.

BufLen : (I) Number of bytes in above buffer.

### REMARKS

The **SioCRC16** function computes the 16-bit CCITT CRC over the specified buffer.

The 16-bit CCITT CRC uses generating polynomial 1021 hex (8408 hex reversed )

This CRC is used for calculating the 16-bit YMODEM CRC value, among other uses.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
int Code;
char *Buffer = "ABC";

Code = SioCRC16(Buffer, 3);

// answer is 0x3994
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer as String
Buffer = "ABC"

Code = SioCRC16(Buffer, 3)

// answer is 14740 (3994 hex)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioCRC32

## 2.6 SioCRC32 :: Computes 32-Bit CRC

### SYNTAX

SioCRC32(Buffer, BufLen)

Buffer : (P) Character buffer.  
BufLen : (I) Number of bytes in above buffer.

### REMARKS

The **SioCRC32** function computes the 32-bit CCITT CRC over the specified buffer.

The 32bit CCITT CRC uses generating polynomial 04C11DB7 hex (EDB88320 hex reversed )

This CRC is used for calculating the 32-bit ZMODEM CRC value, among other uses.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
int Code;
char *Buffer = "ABC";

Code = SioCRC32(Buffer, 3);

// answer is 0xA3830348
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer as String
Buffer = "ABC"

Code = SioCRC32(Buffer, 3)

// answer is -1551695032 (A3830348 hex)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioCRC16

## 2.7 SioCTS :: Reads the Clear to Send (CTS) modem status bit.

### SYNTAX

SioCTS (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioCTS** function is used to detect if CTS (Clear To Send) is set (1) or clear (0).

The CTS line is used by some error correcting modems to implement hardware flow control. CTS is dropped by the modem to signal the computer not to send data and is raised to signal the computer to continue.

Refer to the [SERIAL User's Manual \(SERIAL.PDF\)](#) for a discussion about flow control.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = 0 (CTS is clear)
- Return > 0 (CTS is set)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioCTS (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

See SioFlow and SioRead.

## 2.8 SioDCD :: Reads the Data Carrier Detect (DCD) modem status bit

### SYNTAX

SioDCD(Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioDCD** function is used to read the Data Carrier Detect (DCD) modem status bit. Also see **SioStatus**.

**SioDCD** is normally used after connecting to check that the carrier has not been dropped.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = 0 (DCD is clear)
- Return > 0 (DCD is set)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioDCD(Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

See SioRead.

## 2.9 SioDebug :: Sets and/or reads debug data.

### SYNTAX

SioDebug (Parm)

Parm : (I) Parameter.

### REMARKS

Passing the character 'R' will result in the serial port driver RESETDEV ("reset device") command being called when **SioReset** is called. The RESETDEV command is not required for the operation of the UART and is not always implemented by some serial devices such as USB-Serial adapters.

Passing the character 'W' will toggle the operation of SioPuts between (1) "wait for completion" [default] and (2) "immediate return" modes, as described in Section 2.9, "SioPuts Notes" of the WSC User's Manual ([WSC\\_USR.PDF](#)).

### RETURNS

See remarks above.

### EXAMPLE

#### C++ Example

```
Code = SioDebug('W');
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Code = SioDebug(ASC("W"))
```

### ALSO SEE

None.

## 2.10 SioDone :: Terminates further serial processing.

### SYNTAX

SioDone (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioDone** function terminates further serial port processing, allowing other applications to use the port. **SioDone** should always be the last function called before exiting an application.

If an application is running from within an integrated development environment (IDE) and the application terminates without **SioDone** being called first, the IDE itself will prevent the port from being re-opened. Terminating the IDE will free the port.

\*\*\* **SioDone** is being deprecated. Use **SioClose** instead. \*\*\*

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioDone (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

See SioClose, SioReset, SioOpen.

## 2.11 SioDSR :: Reads the Data Set Ready (DSR) modem status bit.

### SYNTAX

SioDSR (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioDSR** function is used to detect if DSR (Data Set Ready) is set (1) or clear (0). Some Windows

Modems normally set DSR as soon as they are powered up.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = 0 (DSR is clear)
- Return > 0 (DSR is set)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioDSR (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

See SioRead.



## 2.12 SioDTR :: Set, clear, or read Data Terminal Ready (DTR).

### SYNTAX

SioDTR (Port, Cmd)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Cmd : (I) DTR command (see below).

### REMARKS

The **SioDTR** function controls the Data Terminal Ready (DTR) bit in the modem control register. DTR should always be set when communicating with a modem.

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
WSC_SET_LINE	:	to set DTR (ON)
WSC_CLEAR_LINE	:	to clear DTR (OFF)
WSC_READ_LINE	:	to read DTR

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_RANGE (Not one of 'S', 'C', or 'R')
- Return = 0 (DTR is clear [READ\_LINE Command])
- Return >0 (DTR is set [READ\_LINE Command])

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioDTR (Port, WSC_SET_LINE)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioRead.

## 2.13 SioErrorText :: Return last error code & message text.

### SYNTAX

```
SioErrorText(ErrCode, Buffer, Size)
```

```
ErrCode : (I) Error code (always a negative number)  
Buffer  : (P) Pointer to messages buffer.  
Size    : (I) Size of buffer.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioErrorText** copies the error text corresponding to the passed error code 'ErrCode' to 'Buffer'.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128]  
Code = SioErrorText(ErrCode, (char *)Buffer, 128)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioErrorText(ErrCode, Buffer, 128)
```

### RETURNS

The length of the error text copied into 'Buffer'..

## 2.14 SioEvent :: Efficiently waits for serial event.

### SYNTAX

SioEvent (Port, Mask)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Mask : (I) Event Mask (see below).

### REMARKS

The **SioEvent** function (WIN32/WIN64 only) waits (blocks) until the condition specified in 'Mask' is satisfied. **SioEvent** returns (unblocks) only for events that occur after it is called. Multiple conditions can be OR'ed together. See example below. The event masks are:

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
EV_RXCHAR	:	A character was received.
EV_BREAK	:	A break signal was received.
EV_CTS	:	The CTS line changed states.
EV_DSR	:	The DSR line changed states.
EV_ERR	:	An error was detected.
EV_RLSD	:	The DCD line has changed states.
EV_RING	:	The RI line has been set.
EV_TXEMPTY	:	The TX queue has become empty.

Overlapped I/O **must** be enabled in order for SioEvent to block

Call the SioEventWait function if an event timeout is desired.

### RETURNS

**SioEvent** does not return until the specified event occurs. For this reason, it is best used inside of a thread.

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_ERROR (An event error has occurred)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_COMPLETE (success - event has occurred)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_PENDING (fails - event has not occurred)

WSC\_IO\_PENDING will be returned by **SioEvent** if timeout has occurred.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
// wait until CTS or DSR changes states.  
Code = SioEvent(Port, EV_CTS|EV_DSR)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
// ' wait until CTS or DSR changes states.  
Code = SioEvent(Port, EV_CTS OR EV_DSR)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioEventChar, SioEventWait, and SioMessage.

## 2.15 SioEventChar :: Efficiently waits for a serial character.

### SYNTAX

```
SioEventChar(Port, EvtChar, Timeout)

    Port : (I) Port selected.
    EvtChar : (I) Event character.
    Timeout : (I) Timeout (milliseconds).
```

### REMARKS

The **SioEventChar** function (WIN32/WIN64 only) waits (blocks) until the specified character is seen in the serial input stream or timeout occurs. **SioEventChar** returns (unblocks) only when the specified character is received after it is called.

Overlapped I/O **must** be enabled in order for SioEventChar to block

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_ERROR (An event error has occurred)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_COMPLETE (success - event has occurred)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_PENDING (fails - event has not occurred)

WSC\_IO\_PENDING will be returned by **SioEventChar** if timeout has occurred.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
// wait (up to 1 second) until a carriage return is seen.
Code = SioEventChar(Port, '\r', 1000)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
' wait (up to 1 second) until a carriage return [ Chr(13) ] is seen.
Code = SioEventChar(Port, 13, 1000)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioEvent and SioEventWait.

## 2.16 SioEventWait :: Efficiently waits for a serial event.

### SYNTAX

```
SioEventWait(Port, Mask, Timeout)
```

```
    Port : (I) Port selected.  
    Mask : (I) Event Mask (see below).  
    Timeout : (I) Timeout (milliseconds).
```

### REMARKS

The **SioEventWait** function (WIN32/WIN64 only) waits (blocks) until the condition specified in 'Mask' is satisfied or the timeout is reached. **SioEventWait** returns (unblocks) only for events that occur after it is called unless the specified timeout period is reached. Multiple conditions can be OR'ed together. See the example below. The event masks can be found in the description of **SioEvent** entry above.

Overlapped I/O **must** be enabled in order for SioEventWait to block

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_ERROR (An event error has occurred)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_COMPLETE (success - event has occurred)
- Return = WSC\_IO\_PENDING (fails - event has not occurred)

WSC\_IO\_PENDING will be returned by **SioEventWait** if timeout has occurred.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
// Wait (up to 1.5 seconds) for incoming serial data.  
Code = SioEventWait(Port, EV_RXCHAR, 1500)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
' Wait (up to 1.5 seconds) for incoming serial data.  
Code = SioEventWait(Port, EV_RXCHAR, 1500)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioEvent and SioEventChar.

## 2.17 SioFlow :: Sets flow control protocol.

### SYNTAX

SioFlow (Port, Cmd)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Cmd : (I) Class of flow control (see below).

### REMARKS

The **SioFlow** function is used to enable or disable hardware flow control. Hardware flow control uses RTS and CTS to control data flow between the modem and the computer. To enable flow control, call **SioFlow** with 'Cmd' set to:

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
WSC_HARDWARE_FLOW_CONTROL	:	Hardware (RTS/CTS) flow control.
WSC_SOFTWARE_FLOW_CONTROL	:	Software (XON/XOFF) flow control.
WSC_NO_FLOW_CONTROL	:	No flow control [default].

In order for flow control to work correctly, your serial device must also be configured to work with the same class of flow control (hardware or software). If using hardware flow control, the computer to serial device cable must have RTS and CTS wired straight through. If hardware flow control is enabled, the RTS line should not be modified by calling **SioRTS**.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_RANGE (Cannot recognize command)
- Return > 0 (Flow control enabled)
- Return = 0 (Flow control disabled)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioFlow (Port, WSC_HARDWARE_FLOW_CONTROL)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioPutc and SioSetTimeouts.

## 2.18 SioGetc :: Reads the next character from the serial line.

### SYNTAX

SioGetc (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioGetc** function reads the next byte from the receive queue of the selected serial port. WSC\_NO\_DATA (-100) is returned if no byte is available.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_NO\_DATA (no data available)
- Return >= 0 (character read)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioGetc (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioUnGetc and SioGets.

## 2.19 SioGetReg:: Get registration string

### SYNTAX

```
SioGetRef(Buffer, BufLen)
```

```
    Buffer : (P) Buffer of bytes  
    BufLen : (I) Buffer length
```

### REMARKS

The **SioGetReg** function copies the customer's registration string to the buffer.

### RETURNS

- Number of bytes copied.

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128];  
Code = SioGetReg((char *)Buffer, 128)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioGetReg(Buffer, 128)
```

### ALSO SEE

(none)



## 2.20 SioGets :: Reads the next byte buffer from the serial line.

### SYNTAX

SioGets(Port, String, Cnt)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
String : (P) Pointer to receive buffer.  
Cnt : (I) Number of bytes to read.

### REMARKS

The **SioGets** function reads the smaller of the number of bytes wanted (BufLen) and the number of bytes in the receive buffer. A zero is returned if no bytes are read.

Note that even if the data is being sent in one operation by the other side, it may not necessarily arrive all in a single packet.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return >= 0 (Number of characters actually read)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128];  
Code = SioGets(Port, (char *)Buffer, 128)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioGets(Port, Buffer, 128)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioGetsC.

## 2.21 SioGetsC :: Reads the next line.

### SYNTAX

```
SioGetsC(Port, Buffer, BufLen, Timeout, StopChr)
```

```
Port    : (I) Port selected.  
Buffer  : (P) Pointer to receive buffer.  
BufLen  : (I) Size of above buffer.  
Timeout: (I) Maximum time (ms) to wait before returning.  
StopChr: (I) Stop (EOL) character.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioGetsC** function reads all incoming data up until (and including) the stop character 'StopChr'. **SioGetsC** will return once the stop character is received, or 'BufLen' characters are received, or the timeout period is reached.

An entire line was read if the last character in the buffer was the stop character.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return >= 0 (Number of characters actually read)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128];  
Code = SioGets(Port, (char *)Buffer, 128, 2000, '\r');
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioGets(Port, Buffer, 128, 2000, 13)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioGets.

## 2.22 SioGetsQ :: Read until no data for 'QuietTime'

### SYNTAX

SioGetsQ(Port, QuietTime, Buffer, BufLen)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
QuietTime: (I) Quiet time (ms).  
Buffer : (P) Pointer to receive buffer.  
BufLen : (I) Size of above buffer.

### REMARKS

The **SioGetsQ** function reads all incoming data up until 'QuietTime' milliseconds passes without any additional incoming data. This function is designed for reading from serial devices that do not have a known termination character.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return >= 0 (Number of characters actually read)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128];  
Code = SioGetsQ(Port, 100, (char *)Buffer, 128
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioGets(Port, 100, Buffer, 128)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioGets, SioGetc

## 2.23 SioHexView :: Constructs Hexadecimal String

### SYNTAX

```
SioHexView(Binary, BinLen, Buffer, BufLen);
```

```
Binary : (I) Array of binary bytes.  
BinLen : (I) Number of bytes in 'Binary' array above.  
Buffer : (I) Buffer into which hexadecimal bytes are written.  
BufLen : (I) Size of 'Buffer'.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioHexView** function constructs a string of hexadecimal characters corresponding to the bytes in the 'Binary' array. For example, if 'Binary' contains the two bytes 01 5A, then the SioHexView will construct the output buffer to be the five byte string "01 5A".

### RETURNS

Returns the number of characters written to 'Buffer'.

### EXAMPLE

```
char Binary[] = {0x01, 0x5A};  
char Buffer[6];  
Code = SioHexView((char *)Binary, 2, (char *)Buffer, 6);
```

## 2.24 SioInfo :: Returns WSC library version information.

### SYNTAX

SioInfo (Cmd)

Cmd : (I) Command (See below)

### REMARKS

The **SioInfo** function returns an integer code corresponding to the Cmd as follows.

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
WSC_GET_VERSION	:	Library version number [3 hex digits].
WSC_GET_BUILD	:	Library build number.

**SioInfo**(WSC\_GET\_VERSION) will return the 3 digit version number embedded in WSC64.DLL and in WSC32.DLL. The 3 digit version number is formatted as the rightmost 3 nibbles (4 bits per nibble) of the return value. **SioInfo**(WSC\_GET\_BUILD) will return the version build number.

Refer to the WSCVER program for an example.

### RETURNS

See remarks above.

Return = -1 (Cannot recognize command)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioInfo(WSC_GET_VERSION)
```

## 2.25 SioKeyCode :: Pass keycode to WSC DLL

### SYNTAX

SioKeyCode(KeyCode)

KeyCode : (L) Keycode value (0 or 8 to 10 digit number)

### REMARKS

The **SioKeyCode** function must be the first WSC call made.

When WSC is purchased, you will receive a 'keycode' (an 8 to 10 digit number) that matches the 'keycode' within the registered version of the DLL. For the evaluation (shareware) version, the keycode is 0. See file KEYCODE.

### EXAMPLE

All example programs call **SioKeyCode**

```
Code = SioKeyCode(WSC_KEY_CODE)
```

### RETURNS

Return >= 0 No error.

Return = WSC\_KEYCODE (wrong keycode)

## 2.26 SioLRC:: Computes the longitudinal check byte

### SYNTAX

SioGetc (Port)

Buffer : (P) Buffer of bytes  
BufLen : (I) Buffer length

### REMARKS

The **SioLRC** function computes the longitudinal check (parity) byte of the specified buffer as per ISO 1155.

### RETURNS

- LRC of buffer

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioGetc(Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioUnGetc and SioGets.

## 2.27 SioMessage :: Send windows message when event occurs.

### SYNTAX

```
SioMessage(Port, Handle, Message, Mask)
```

```
Port    : (I) Port selected.  
Handle  : (S) Window handle (HWND).  
Message: (I) Message (Usually WM_USER).  
Mask    : (L) Event mask (see SioEvent).
```

### REMARKS

The **SioMessage** function will post the message 'Message' to the window handle 'Handle' when event 'Mask' occurs. **SioMessage** does not block.

Call **SioMessage**(Port, 0, 0, 0) in order to cancel a previous event.

Refer to **SioEvent** for a list of mask values.

### RETURNS

See remarks above.

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioMessage(Port, hWnd, WM_USER, EV_RXCHAR)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioEvent, SioEventChar, and SioEventWait



## 2.28 SioOpen :: Open port with default buffer sizes

### SYNTAX

```
SioReset (Port)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected (or -1: see below).
```

### REMARKS

The **SioOpen** function opens the selected serial port using the default RX and TX buffer sizes of 1280 bytes. Thus, calling **SioOpen**(Port) is equivalent to calling **SioReset**(Port, 1280, 1280).

**SioOpen** (or **SioReset**) should be called before making any other calls to WSC functions.

**SioOpen** uses the parity, stop bits, and word length value previously set if **SioParms** was called otherwise the default values (19200, no parity, 8 data, 1 stop) are used.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_OPEN (Already open)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_MEMORY (Cannot allocate memory)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_HARDWARE (Hardware error)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioOpen (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

**SioReset**, **SioBaud**, **SioParms**, **SioCloe**, and **SioDone**.

## 2.29 SioParams :: Sets parity, stop bits, and word length.

### SYNTAX

SioParams (Port, Parity, StopBits, DataBits)

Port : (I) -1 or port selected.  
Parity : (I) Parity code.  
StopBits : (I) Stop bits code.  
DataBits : (I) Word length code.

### REMARKS

The **SioParams** function sets the parity, stop bits, and word length values.

**SioParams** can be called either before or after calling **SioReset**. Call **SioParams** with Port set to -1 before calling **SioReset** to make the passed parameters the default. Use the constant values defined in the WSC declaration file (see Section 1.3) to minimize the chance of passing an incorrect parameter value.

<u>[PARITY]</u>	<u>[STOPBITS]</u>	<u>[DATABITS]</u>
NoParity	OneStopBit	WordLength7
OddParity	One5StopBits	WordLength8
EvenParity	TwoStopBits	--
SpaceParity	--	--
MarkParity	--	--

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BYTESIZE (Word length not supported)
- Return = WSC\_RANGE (Parameter out of range)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioParams (Port, WSC_NoParity, WSC_OneStopBit, WSC_WordLength8)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioReset.

## 2.30 SioPortInfo :: Returns Specified Port Info.

### SYNTAX

SioPortInfo (Port, Param)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Param : (I) Parameter.

### REMARKS

The **SioPortInfo** returns the specified port parameter.

When calling **SioPortInfo** with parameter WSC\_PORT\_BAUD, the baud rate is returned in bits per second.

When calling **SioPortInfo** with parameter WSC\_PORT\_CPS, the theoretical maximum value of CPS (characters per second) is returned, which take into account data bits, stop bits, and parity bits, as well as bit time overhead.

#### [PARAM]

WSC\_PORT\_BAUD Port baud rate in bits per second.

WSC\_PORT\_CPS Port (theoretical) CPS (characters per second)

#### [RETURNS]

### RETURNS

Returns the specified port parameter as described above.

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioPortInfo(Port, WSC_PORT_CPS)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioReset.

## 2.31 SioPutc :: Transmit a character over a serial line.

### SYNTAX

SioPutc (Port, Ch)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Ch : (I) Character to send.

### REMARKS

The **SioPutc** function copies the character to the transmit queue for subsequent transmission by the UART.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = 1 (No error)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
Code = SioPutc (Port, 'A')
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Code = SioPutc (Port, ASC ("A"))
```

### ALSO SEE

SioGetc, SioFlow, and SioSetTimeouts.

## 2.32 SioPuts :: Transmits a byte buffer over a serial line.

### SYNTAX

SioPuts(Port, String, Count)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
String : (P) Pointer to string of bytes to transmit.  
Count : (I) Number of bytes to transmit.

### REMARKS

The **SioPuts** function copies 'Count' bytes from 'String' to the transmit queue for transmission. The 'String' can contain any ASCII or binary values.

The **SioPuts** function can operate in two ways: "wait for completion" and "immediate return", as described in Section 2.9, "SioPuts Notes", in the WSC User's Manual ([WSC\\_USR.PDF](#))

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return >= 0 (The number of bytes accepted for transmission)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128];  
Code = SioPuts(Port, (char *)Buffer, 128)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioPuts(Port, Buffer, 128)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioGetc, SioFlow, SioSetTimeouts.

## 2.33 SioQuiet :: Returns after specified period of quiet.

### SYNTAX

SioQuiet(Port, Quite, Timeout)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Quiet : (I) Quiet time period (milliseconds).  
Timeout : (I) Timeout period (milliseconds).

### REMARKS

The **SioQuiet** function will not return until there is 'Quiet' continuous milliseconds in which there is no incoming bytes or the timeout period is exceeded. Any incoming data is removed (deleted) while SioQuiet is running.

The primary purpose of SioQuiet is for changing modem states. See example below.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_TIMEOUT (Timed out)
- Return = 0 (Quiet time seen)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char *Break = "+++";
if(SioQuiet(Port, 1000, 60000) == WSC_TIMEOUT)
    {printf("Failure: Timed-out\n");
    return;
    }
Code = SioPuts(Port, Break, 3);
SioSleep(1000);
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Break As String
Break = "+++";
If SioQuiet(Port, 1000, 60000) = WSC_TIMEOUT Then
    PRINT "Failure: Timed-out"
    EXIT
End If
Code = SioPuts(Port, Break, 3)
SioSleep(1000);
```

### ALSO SEE

## 2.34 SioRead :: Reads any UART register.

### SYNTAX

SioRead(Port, Reg)

Port : (I) Port selected.

Reg : (I) UART register (0 to 7).

### REMARKS

**SioRead** is ONLY for Win16 applications running under Windows 95 and 98. Win16 is no longer supported in WSC.

## 2.35 SioReset :: Initialize a serial port for processing.

### SYNTAX

```
SioReset (Port, RxQueueSize, TxQueueSize)
```

```
Port      : (I) Port selected (or -1: see below).  
RxQueueSize : (I) Receive queue size.  
TxQueueSize : (I) Transmit queue size.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioReset** function initializes (opens) the selected serial port. **SioReset** should be called before making any other calls to WSC except for setting default behavior (port=-1). **SioReset** uses the parity, stop bits, and word length value previously set if **SioParms** was called otherwise the default values (19200, no parity, 8 data, 1 stop) are used.

**SioReset** can be called with Port set to -1 in order to specify the behavior of DTR and RTS at port initialization:

```
SioReset(-1, DTR_Default, RTS_Default)
```

DTR will be set at port initialization if DTR\_Default is 1, else DTR will be cleared. This is also the case for RTS\_Default.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_OPEN (Already open)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_MEMORY (Cannot allocate memory)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_HARDWARE (Hardware error)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioReset(Port, 1024, 1024)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioOpen, SioBaud, SioParms, and SioDone.



## 2.36 SioRI :: Reads the Ring Indicator (RI) modem status bit.

### SYNTAX

SioRI (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioRI** function is used to read the Ring Indicator (RI) modem status bit. It is recommended that incoming rings be detected by looking for the text "RING" in the input stream rather than the RI signal since some modems do not set the RI reliably.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = 0 (RI is clear)
- Return = >0 (RI is set - RING has occurred)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioRI (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioRead.

## 2.37 SioRTS :: Sets, clears, or reads the Request to Send (RTS).

### SYNTAX

SioRTS (Port, Cmd)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Cmd : (I) RTS command (SET, CLEAR, or READ).

### REMARKS

The **SioRTS** function controls the Request to Send (RTS bit in the modem control register).

The RTS line is used by some error correcting modems to implement hardware flow control. RTS is dropped by the computer to signal the modem not to send data and is raised to signal the modem to continue. RTS should be set when communicating with a modem unless flow control is being used.

Refer to the [SERIAL User's Manual](#) (SERIAL.PDF or <http://www.marshallsoft.com/serial.pdf>) for a discussion of flow control. Commands (defined in WSC declaration file [Section 1.3]) are:

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
WSC_SET_LINE	:	set RTS (ON)
WSC_CLEAR_LINE	:	clear RTS (OFF)
WSC_READ_LINE	:	read RTS

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_RANGE (Command is not one of 'S', 'C', or 'R')
- Return = 0 (RTS is clear ['R' command])
- Return > 0 (RTS is set ['R' command])

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioRTS(Port, WSC_CLEAR_LINE)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioFlow and SioDTR.

## 2.38 SioRxClear :: Clears the receive buffer.

### SYNTAX

SioRxClear(Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioRxClear** function will delete any characters in the receive buffer (not the UART) for the specified port. After execution, the receive buffer will be empty.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioRxClear(Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioRxQue.

## 2.39 SioRxQue :: Returns the number of bytes in the receive queue.

### SYNTAX

SioRxQue (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioRxQue** function will return the number of bytes in the receive queue (not the UART) at the time of the call.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioRxQue (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

See SioTxQue

## 2.40 SioRxWait :: Waits For Specified Number of Incoming Bytes

### SYNTAX

```
SioRxWait(Port, BytesWanted, Timeout)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.
```

```
BytesWanted : (I) Number of bytes wanted before returning.
```

```
Timeout      : (I) Number of milliseconds before timing out.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioRxWait** function will return once 'BytesWanted' bytes are available to read, or if the timeout period is exceeded.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)
- Return = WSC\_TIMEOUT (Timed out)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioRxWait(Port, 100, 3500)
```

### ALSO SEE

See **SioRxQue**

## 2.41 SioSetInteger :: Sets integer parameter for serial processing.

### SYNTAX

```
SioSetInteger(Port, ParamName, ParamValue)
```

```
Port      : (I) Port selected.  
ParamName : (I) Parameter name (integer code)  
ParamValue : (L) Parameter value
```

### REMARKS

The parameter values defined are as follows:

```
[NAME]      : [FUNCTION]  
WSC_WAIT_ON_PUTS : Complete I/O before returning ['W']  
WSC_SIGNAL    : Signal thread blocking on SioEvent ['S']  
WSC_OVERLAPPED : Enable overlapped I/O ['O']
```

**WSC\_WAIT\_ON\_PUTS** is used to direct **SioPuts** to return immediately (before the I/O is complete) if ParamValue is TRUE (not 0). The default is 0 (FALSE), which means that **SioPuts** will not return until the I/O is completed.

**WSC\_SIGNAL** is used to signal WSC to release the block created when **SioEvent** was called.

**WSC\_OVERLAPPED** is used to enable all overlapped I/O (pass ParamValue = 1). Overlapped I/O was introduced beginning with Windows 98. Win95 does not support overlapped I/O.

By default, WSC32 will not use overlapped I/O since not all USB-RS232 converter drivers implement overlapped I/O.

### RETURNS

The parameter value is returned if the parameter name is recognized, otherwise -1 is returned.

### EXAMPLE

```
SioSetInteger(Port, WSC_WAIT_ON_PUTS, 1)  
  
SioSetInteger(Port, WSC_SIGNAL, 1)
```

## 2.42 SioSetTimeouts :: Sets Transmit and Receive Timeout Constants.

### SYNTAX

```
SioSetTimeouts (Port, ReadInter, ReadMult, ReadCons, WriteMult, WriteCons)
```

```
Port      : (I) port selected
ReadInter : (I) read interval t/o
ReadMult  : (I) read t/o multiplier
ReadCons  : (I) read t/o constant
WriteMult : (I) write t/o multiplier
WriteCons : (I) write t/o constant
```

### REMARKS

Sets the transmit (**SioPutc/SioPuts**) & receive (**SioGetc/SioGets**) operation timeouts.

If the value returned by **SioPutc** is 0, then a timeout has occurred. If the value returned by **SioPuts** is less than the number of bytes passed as the last argument to **SioPuts**, then a timeout has occurred.

#### **WSC\_READ\_INTERVAL\_TIMEOUT (ReadInter)**

Sets the maximum period of time (in milliseconds) allowed between two sequential bytes being read from the serial port before the receive operation terminates.

If set to MAXDWORD and the other two above READ timeouts are set to zero, then serial receive calls return immediately without waiting.

#### **WSC\_READ\_TIMEOUT\_MULTIPLIER (ReadMult)**

Sets the multiplier (in milliseconds) used to calculate the overall timeout of serial receive operations. This timeout is given by:

```
NbrBytes * ReadTimeoutMultiplier + ReadTimeoutConstant (NbrBytes = # bytes requested)
```

#### **WSC\_READ\_TIMEOUT\_CONSTANT (ReadConst)**

Sets the constant (in milliseconds) used to calculate the overall timeout of serial receive operations. This timeout is given by:

```
NbrBytes * ReadTimeoutMultiplier + ReadTimeoutConstant (NbrBytes = # bytes requested)
```

#### **WSC\_WRITE\_TIMEOUT\_MULTIPLIER (WriteMult)**

Sets the multiplier (in milliseconds) used to calculate the overall timeout of serial transmit operations. This timeout is given by:

```
NbrBytes * WriteTimeoutMultiplier + WriteTimeoutConstant (NbrBytes = # bytes requested)
```

#### **WSC\_WRITE\_TIMEOUT\_CONSTANT (WriteCons)**

Sets the constant (in milliseconds) used to calculate the overall timeout of serial transmit operations. This timeout is given by:

```
NbrBytes * WriteTimeoutMultiplier + WriteTimeoutConstant (NbrBytes = # bytes requested)
```

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_WIN32ERR (cannot set timeouts)

### EXAMPLE

```
SioSetTimeouts (Port, (DWORD)-1, (DWORD)0, (DWORD)0, (DWORD)1, (DWORD)2000);
```

## 2.43 SioShortToByte :: Converts 16-bit Unicode ASCII character buffer to 8-bit

### SYNTAX

SioShortToByte(Buffer)

Buffer : (P) character buffer

### REMARKS

The **SioShortToByte** function converts the (null terminated) character buffer 'Buffer' from 16-bit Unicode ASCII characters to 8-bit ASCII characters.

The buffer must be null terminated (last character is a hex 00).

This function is only necessary when working with 16-bit Unicode ASCII characters.

### RETURNS

None.

### EXAMPLE (C#)

```
NameString = "MyFile.zip\0"  
char[] NameBuffer = NameString.ToCharArray();  
// convert (null terminated) 16-unicode buffer to 8-bit  
fixed (char* pNameBuffer = NameBuffer)  
SioShortToByte(pNameBuffer);
```

### ALSO SEE

SioByteToShort



## 2.44 SioSleep :: Sleeps Specified Time.

### SYNTAX

```
SioSleep(Milliseconds)
```

Milliseconds : (I) Number of milliseconds to sleep.

### REMARKS

The **SioSleep** function sleeps for the indicated number of milliseconds. 'Milliseconds' must be positive.

This function is included in WSC because it is not available in all computer languages.

### EXAMPLE (C/C++)

```
// sleep 1 second  
Tics = SioSleep(1000);
```

### EXAMPLE (VB)

```
' sleep 1 second  
Tics = SioSleep(1000)
```

### RETURNS

1 is always returned.

## 2.45 SioStatus :: Returns the serial port status.

### SYNTAX

SioStatus(Port, Mask)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Mask : (I) Error mask.

### REMARKS

The **SioStatus** function returns the serial port error status corresponding to the mask argument.

<u>[MASK_NAME]</u>	:	<u>[FUNCTION]</u>
WSC_RXOVER	:	The receive queue overflowed.
WSC_OVERRUN	:	An incoming byte was overwritten.
WSC_PARITY	:	A parity error was detected (incoming byte)
WSC_FRAME	:	A framing error was detected (incoming byte)
WSC_BREAK	:	A break signal was detected.
WSC_TXFULL	:	The transmit queue is full.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioStatus(Port, WSC_FRAME)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioRead.

## **2.46 SioTimer :: Returns the current time in milliseconds.**

### **SYNTAX**

```
SioTimer()
```

### **REMARKS**

The **SioTimer** returns the system time in milliseconds. **SioTimer** calls the Windows API function `GetCurrentTime`.

This function is provided as a convenience since `GetCurrentTime` can not be called directly from programs written in some computer languages.

### **RETURNS**

The system time in milliseconds.

### **EXAMPLE**

```
TimeNow = SioTimer()
```

## 2.47 SioTimeMark :: Returns the current time in milliseconds .

### SYNTAX

```
SioTimeMark(DWORD TimeMask)
```

TimeMask : (I) Mask to "AND" with system time.

### REMARKS

The **SioTimeMark** returns the system time (modulo the TimeMask) in milliseconds. **SioTimeMark** calls the Windows API function `GetCurrentTime`.

This function is provided as a convenience since `GetCurrentTime` can not be called directly from programs written in some computer languages.

### RETURNS

The system time in milliseconds after applying the mask.

### EXAMPLE

```
// get last 8 bits of system time  
TimeMark = SioTimeMark(255)
```

## 2.48 SioTxClear :: Clears the transmit buffer.

### SYNTAX

```
SioTxClear(Port)
```

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioTxClear** function will delete any characters in the transmit buffer (not the UART) for the specified port.

Once this function is called, any character in the transmit buffer (put there by **SioPutc** or **SioPuts**) will be lost and therefore not transmitted.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioTxClear(Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioTxQue.

## 2.49 SioTxQue :: Returns the number of bytes in the transmit queue.

### SYNTAX

SioTxQue (Port)

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **SioTxQue** function will return the number of characters in the transmit queue (not the UART) at the time of the call.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioTxQue (Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioRxQue.

## 2.50 SioUnGetc :: "Ungets" the last character read with SioGetc().

### SYNTAX

SioUnGetc(Port, Ch)

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Ch : (I) Character to unget.

### REMARKS

The **SioUnGetc** function returns ("pushes") the character back into the serial input buffer. The character pushed will be the next character returned by **SioGetc**. Only one character can be pushed back. This function works just like the "ungetc" function in the C language.

### RETURNS

- Return = WSC\_IE\_NOPEN (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = WSC\_IE\_BADID (No such port)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioUnGetc(Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

SioReset.

## 2.51 **SioWaitFor** :: Waits for the next character from the serial line.

### SYNTAX

```
SioWaitFor(Port, Timeout)
```

```
Port      : (I) Port selected.  
Timeout   : (I) Timeout (milliseconds).
```

### REMARKS

The **SioWaitFor** function waits up to 'Timeout' milliseconds for the next incoming byte from the selected serial port. **WSC\_TIMEOUT** is returned if no byte is available within the timeout period.

### RETURNS

- Return = **WSC\_IE\_NOPEN** (Port not opened. Call **SioOpen** or **SioReset** first)
- Return = **WSC\_IE\_BADID** (No such port)
- Return = **WSC\_TIMEOUT** (timed out waiting for next incoming byte)
- Return  $\geq 0$  (character read)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = SioWaitFor(Port, 5000)
```

### ALSO SEE

**SioGetc** and **SioGets**.



## 2.52 SioWinError :: Return last Win32/Win64 error code & message text.

### SYNTAX

```
SioWinError(Buffer, Size)
```

```
Buffer : (P) Pointer to messages buffer.  
Size   : (I) Size of buffer.
```

### REMARKS

The **SioWinError** is a Win32/Win64 ONLY function that returns the last Win32/Win64 error code. If 'Buffer' is not NULL, it will also copy the corresponding text message into 'Buffer' of maximum size 'Size'

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128]  
Code = SioWinError((char *)Buffer, 128)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = SioWinError(Buffer, 128)
```

### RETURNS

The Win32/Win64 numeric error code.

### **3 Modem I/O Functions**

#### **3.1 mioBreak :: Aborts the Modem I/O state driver.**

##### **SYNTAX**

```
mioBreak(Port)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.
```

##### **REMARKS**

The **mioBreak** function forces the MIO driver to the IDLE state, abandoning any work in progress (if any). It is used to abort **mioSendTo**, **mioQuiet**, and **mioWaitFor** functions.

##### **RETURNS**

```
Return = MIO_IDLE.
```

##### **EXAMPLE**

```
Code = mioBreak(Port)
```

## 3.2 mioDriver :: Modem I/O state driver.

### SYNTAX

```
mioDriver(Port)
```

Port : (I) Port selected.

### REMARKS

The **mioDriver** function executes the next state of any previously started MIO function such as **mioSendTo**, **mioWaitFor**, and **mioQuiet**. Returns MIO\_IDLE (defined in MIO.H) if idle (not running), MIO\_RUNNING if running, and anything else that is a character from the modem that can be displayed if wanted.

### RETURNS

- Return = MIO\_IDLE (if the driver is ready for the next **mioSendTo**, **mioWaitFor**, or **mioQuiet**)
- Return = MIO\_RUNNING (if the driver is not idle)
- Return = <else> (if the driver is not idle, and the returned character was received from the modem)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = mioDriver(Port)
```

### **3.3 mioQuiet :: Waits for Modem I/O state driver.**

#### **SYNTAX**

```
mioQuiet(Port, Wait)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.  
Wait : (L) Wait in milliseconds.
```

#### **REMARKS**

The **mioQuiet** function waits for continuous quiet [no incoming serial data] of 'Wait' milliseconds before returning. Any incoming characters while **mioQuiet** is running are lost.

#### **RETURNS**

```
Return = TRUE.
```

#### **EXAMPLE**

```
Code = mioQuiet(Port, 1000)
```

### 3.4 **mioResult** :: Returns result of last **mioWaitFor**.

#### **SYNTAX**

```
mioResult(Port)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.
```

#### **REMARKS**

The **mioResult** function returns the result of the last **mioWaitFor** function. This function should not be called until the driver returns **MIO\_IDLE**. See the remarks section of the **mioWaitFor** function for an example.

#### **RETURNS**

- Return = 0 (False - last WaitFor not matched)
- Return = !0 ('0' if first substring matched, '1' if second substring matched, etc.)

#### **EXAMPLE**

```
Code = mioResult(Port)
```

#### **ALSO SEE**

**mioWaitFor**.

### 3.5 mioSendTo :: Sends string to modem.

#### SYNTAX

`mioSendTo(Port, Pace, Text)`

Port : (I) Port selected.  
Pace : (L) The inter-character delay in milliseconds.  
String : (P) The string to send.

#### REMARKS

The **mioSendTo** function sends the characters in the string 'Text' to serial output. There is a delay of 'Pace' milliseconds between characters. Three characters in 'Text' are interpreted as:

[NAME] : [FUNCTION]  
char is '^' : next character is control char (^A for 0x01)  
char is '!' : replaced with carriage return.  
char is '~' : removed from string (delay 1/2 second).

#### RETURNS

Return = TRUE.

#### EXAMPLE

```
Code = mioSendTo(Port, 100, "ATDT555~1212!")
```

### 3.6 **mioWaitFor** :: Waits for continuous quiet.

#### **SYNTAX**

```
mioWaitFor(Port, Wait, Text)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.
```

```
Wait : (L) Total time to wait for response (milliseconds).
```

```
Text : (P) The expected response string.
```

#### **REMARKS**

The **mioWaitFor** function waits for characters from serial input that match the string 'Text'. A total of 'Wait' milliseconds are allowed before timing out and returning FALSE (0). The string comparison is NOT case sensitive.

The function **mioDriver**() must be called until MIO\_IDLE is returned. Then **mioResult**() is called to get the result of the **mioWaitFor**. Looking at the example below, a value of 0 indicates that neither "CONNECT", "BUSY", nor "NO CARRIER" was received. A non-zero value indicates that one of the three sub-strings was received. A '0' is returned if "CONNECT" was seen, '1' is returned if "NO CARRIER" was seen, and '2' is returned if "BUSY" was seen.

#### **RETURNS**

A character as described above.

#### **EXAMPLE**

```
Code = mioWaitFor(Port, 60000, "CONNECT|NO CARRIER|BUSY")
```

#### **ALSO SEE**

**mioResult**.

## 4 XYM Functions

### 4.1 **xyAbort** :: Aborts the XYDRIVER state driver.

#### **SYNTAX**

```
xyAbort (Port)
```

```
Port : (I) Port selected.
```

#### **REMARKS**

The **xyAbort** function forces the driver to IDLE, terminating any file transfer that may be in progress.

#### **RETURNS**

```
Return = XY_NO_ERROR (0).
```

#### **EXAMPLE**

```
Code = xyAbort (Port)
```



## 4.2 xyAcquire :: Prepares the state driver for operation.

### SYNTAX

```
xyAcquire(FirstPort, LastPort)
```

```
    FirstPort : (I) First port selected.  
    LastPort  : (I) Last port selected.
```

### REMARKS

The **xyAcquire** function initializes the driver for subsequent use. This should be the first driver function called.

### RETURNS

- Return = =0 (No error [XY\_NO\_ERROR])
- Return = <0 (XYDRIVER error. See "XYDRIVER Error Codes")

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xyAcquire(COM1, COM1)
```

### ALSO SEE

xyRelease.

### 4.3 xyDebug :: Set the driver debug level.

#### SYNTAX

xyDebug (Level)

Level : (I) Debug level value.

#### REMARKS

The **xyDebug** function sets the driver debug level as follows:

[LEVEL]	[FUNCTION]
Level is 0	: Only error messages are generated (default).
Level is 1	: Minimal debug messages are generated.
Level is 2	: Maximal debug messages are generated.

Debug messages are retrieved using the **xyGetMessage** function.

#### RETURNS

New debug level [0,1,2]

#### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xyDebug(0)
```

#### ALSO SEE

xyGetMessage.

## 4.4 **xyDriver** :: XMODEM / YMODEM state driver.

### SYNTAX

`xyDriver(Port)`

Port : (I) Port selected.

### RETURNS

- Return = XY\_IDLE : A transfer is not underway.

### REMARKS

The **xyDriver** function drives the state engine. Note that **xyDriver** never returns an error code.

In order to send or to receive a file, call **xyDriver** in a loop until it returns XY\_IDLE (numerical 0) after first initiating the transfer by calling either **xyStartTx** or **xyStartRx**.

**xyDriver** can be called as often as wanted whether or not a file transfer was initiated.

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xyDriver(Port)
```

### ALSO SEE

**xyStartTx** and **xyStartRx**.

## 4.5 xyGetFileName :: Get the filename from packet 0

### SYNTAX

```
xyGetFileName(Port, Buffer, Size)
```

```
Port    : (I) Port selected.  
Buffer  : (P) Filename buffer.  
Size    : (I) Size of Filename buffer.
```

### REMARKS

The **xyGetFileName** function gets the current filename. This function is designed for use on the receive side YMODEM protocol, where the filename is received as part of the first packet (packet #0). See the TERM example program.

### RETURNS

- Return = TRUE (A message was copied into Buffer)
- Return = FALSE (No messages are available)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[128]  
Code = xyGetFileName(Port, (char *)Buffer, 128)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String  
Buffer = Space(128)  
Code = xyGetFileName(Port, Buffer, 128)
```

### ALSO SEE

xyGetParameter.

## 4.6 xyGetMessage :: Get next XYDRIVER message.

### SYNTAX

```
xyGetMessage(Port, Buffer, Size)
```

```
Port    : (I) Port selected.  
Buffer  : (P) Message buffer.  
Size    : (I) Size of message buffer.
```

### REMARKS

The **xyGetMessage** function retrieves the next message from the driver message queue. Refer to the **TERM** example program for an example of using **xyGetMessage**.

### RETURNS

- Return = TRUE (A message was copied into Buffer)
- Return = FALSE (No messages are available)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
char Buffer[64]  
Code = xyGetMessage (Port, (char *)Buffer, 64)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Dim Buffer As String 64  
Buffer = Space(64)  
Code = xyGetMessage(Port, Buffer, 64)
```

### ALSO SEE

xyDebug.

## 4.7 xyGetParameter :: Retrieves driver parameter.

### SYNTAX

xyGetParameter(Port, Parm)

Port : (I) Port Selected.  
Parm : (I) Parameter to return.

### REMARKS

The parameter value corresponding to the following table is returned.

[NAME]	: [FUNCTION]
XY_GET_VERSION	: Returns XYM version (a.b.c).
XY_GET_BUILD	: Returns XYM build number.
XY_GET_ERROR_CODE	: Driver error code (see XYM.H)
XY_GET_ERROR_STATE	: Error state (if in error).
XY_GET_PACKET	: Current packet number.
XY_GET_STATE	: Current state (see XYDRIVER.C).
XY_GET_FILE_SIZE	: File size.
XY_GET_NBR_NAKS	: Get number of packets ACK'ed.
XY_GET_LAST_GET	: Last incoming (serial) character.
XY_GET_LAST_PUT	: Last outgoing (serial) character.
XY_GET_GET_COUNT	: Number of incoming characters (bytes).
XY_GET_PUT_COUNT	: Number of outgoing characters (bytes).
XY_GET_DRIVER_COUNT	: Number times xyDriver() was called.
XY_GET_SHORT_PACKETS	: Get number of short packets (RX side only).
XY_GET_PACKETS_ACKED	: Get number of packets ACK'ed.
-1	: Cannot recognize parameter.

The xyGetParameter function can be used to check the state of the driver. For example:

- (1) xyGetParameter(Port, XY\_GET\_STATE) returns XY\_IDLE if idle.
- (2) xyGetParameter(Port, XY\_GET\_ERROR\_CODE) returns the driver error code if an error has occurred or XY\_NO\_ERROR (0) otherwise.

### RETURNS

See above.

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xyGetParameter(Port, XY_GET_VERSION)
```

## 4.8 xyRelease :: Releases driver port.

### SYNTAX

```
xyRelease()
```

### REMARKS

The **xyRelease** function releases the ports that were previously acquired with **xyAcquire**. This function should be called before calling the WSC function **SioClose** or **SioDone**.

### RETURNS

- Return = 0 (No error [XY\_NO\_ERROR])
- Return = <0 (XYDRIVER error. See "XYDRIVER Error Codes")

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xyRelease()
```

### ALSO SEE

xyAcquire.

## 4.9 xySetParameter :: Sets driver parameter.

### SYNTAX

```
xySetParameter(Port, ParmName, ParmValue)
```

```
Port      : (I) Port Selected.  
ParmName  : (I) Parameter Name.  
ParmValue : (L) Parameter Value.
```

### REMARKS

The ParmValue corresponding to the following table is set.

[NAME]	:	[FUNCTION]
ParmName = XY_SET_NAK_RATE	:	Sets the prompt delay (in seconds).
ParmName = XY_SET_EOF_CHAR	:	Sets the XMODEM pad character.
ParmName = XY_SET_ONE_SECOND	:	Sets the # milliseconds second.

The XY\_SET\_NAK\_RATE parameter sets the delay (in seconds) between prompts that the receiver transmits to the sender to start the file transfer. The legal range is 1 to 10 seconds.

The XY\_SET\_EOF\_CHAR parameter sets the pad character used by XMODEM in padding the last packet to 128 bytes. The normal value is control-Z (hex 1A).

The XY\_SET\_ONE\_SECOND parameter (if set to less than 1000) is used to speed up the protocol by reducing waits. To reduce all time delays to half of their default value, use 500.

### RETURNS

See above.

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xySetParameter(Port, XY_SET_EOF_CHAR, 0)
```



## 4.10 xySetString :: Set Upload/Download Directory String.

### SYNTAX

```
xySetString(Port, ParamName, ParamString)
```

```
Port          : (I) Port to use.  
ParamName     : (I) Parameter name  
ParamString   : (P) Pointer to parameter string
```

### REMARKS

They location of the local upload/download directory can be specified by passing `XY_SET_FILES_DIR` as the `ParamName` and a pointer to the requested directory as `ParamString`.

If the local upload/download directory is not specified, then the current directory is the default location.

### RETURNS

- Return > 0 (No error)
- Return = -1 (ParamName is not recognized)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
Code = xySetString(Port, XY_SET_FILES_DIR, "C:\\WINDOWS\\TEMP");
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Code = xySetString(Port, XY_SET_FILES_DIR, "C:\\WINDOWS\\TEMP")
```

### ALSO SEE

None.

## 4.11 xyStartRx :: Start XMODEM or YMODEM receive.

### SYNTAX

xyStartRx(Port, Filename, NCGchar, Batch)

Port : (I) Port to use.  
Filename : (P) File to receive (XMODEM only).  
NCGchar : (I) NAK, 'C', or 'G'.  
Batch : (I) YMODEM flag (T/F).

### REMARKS

The **xyStartRx** starts the XMODEM or YMODEM file receive. Once started, calls to **xyDriver** are made to execute the next state (or states). The **xyStartTx** function returns immediately. The protocols supported and their parameters are as follows:

[Protocol]	:[NCGchar]	[BatchFlag]	
XMODEM	: NAK	FALSE	(Standard XMODEM)
XMODEM/CRC	: 'C'	FALSE	
XMODEM/1K	: 'C'	FALSE	
YMODEM	: 'C'	TRUE	(Standard YMODEM)

### RETURNS

- Return = TRUE (No error)
- Return = FALSE (Not started. Port not active)

### EXAMPLE

#### C/C++ Example

```
Code = xyStartRx(Port, "MYFILE.ZIP", 'C', 1)
```

#### BASIC Example

```
Code = xyStartRx(Port, "MYFILE.ZIP", ASC("C"), 1)
```

### ALSO SEE

xyStartTx and xyDriver.

## 4.12 xyStartTx :: Start XMODEM or YMODEM transmit.

### SYNTAX

```
xyStartTx(Port, Filename, OneK, Batch)
```

```
Port      : (I) Port to use.
Filename  : (P) File to send.
OneK      : (I) Want 1K blocks (T/F).
Batch     : (I) YMODEM flag (T/F).
```

### REMARKS

The **xyStartTx** starts the XMODEM or YMODEM file send. Once started, calls to **xyDriver** are made to execute the next state (or states). The **xyStartTx** function returns immediately. The protocols supported and their parameters are as follows:

[Protocol]	:[OneKflag]	:[BatchFlag]	
XMODEM	: FALSE	FALSE	Standard XMODEM
XMODEM/CRC	: FALSE	FALSE	
XMODEM/1K	: TRUE	FALSE	
YMODEM	: TRUE	TRUE	Standard YMODEM

### RETURNS

- Return = TRUE (No error)
- Return = FALSE (Not started. Port not active)

### EXAMPLE

```
Code = xyStartTx(Port, "MYFILE.ZIP", 0, 1)
```

### ALSO SEE

xyStartRx and xyDriver.

## 5 Error Codes

### 5.1 WSC Error Codes

[NAME]	: [FUNCTION]
WSC_ABORTED	: The evaluation version of WSC corrupted.
WSC_BAD_CMD	: No such command.
WSC_BAD_PARITY	: Bad parity parameters.
WSC_BAD_STOPBIT	: Bad stop bit parameter.
WSC_BAD_WORDLEN	: Bad word length parameter.
WSC_BUFFER_RANGE	: Parameter (buffer address) out of range.
WSC_BUFFERS	: Cannot allocate memory for buffers.
WSC_BUFLLEN_RANGE	: Parameter (buffer length) out of range.
WSC_BUSY	: Port is busy (try again later).
WSC_EXPIRED	: Evaluation version expired.
WSC_IE_BADID	: No such port.
WSC_IE_BAUDRATE	: Unsupported byte size.
WSC_IE_BYTESIZE	: Unsupported byte size.
WSC_IE_DEFAULT	: Error in default parameters
WSC_IE_HARDWARE	: COM port hardware not present
WSC_IE_MEMORY	: Cannot allocate memory.
WSC_IE_NOPEN	: Port not opened. Call SioReset first.
WSC_IE_OPEN	: Port already opened.
WSC_IO_ERROR	: An event error has occurred.
WSC_KEYCODE	: Bad key code value.
WSC_NO_DATA	: No incoming serial data is available.
WSC_RANGE	: A parameter is out of range.
WSC_THREAD	: Cannot start thread.
WSC_WIN32ERR	: Win32/Win64 system error.

The WSC\_ABORTED error occurs in the evaluation version only if there is a problem displaying the software info screen.

The WSC\_WIN32ERR error code is returned only for Win32/Win64 system errors. Call **SioWinError** to retrieve the error message.

### 5.2 XYDRIVER Error Codes

Error codes are always negative, except for "no error". Most of these error conditions rarely occur. Also note that XYDRIVER functions can return WSC errors. An error message is queued when an error occurs which can be retrieved with **xyGetMessage**.

[NAME]	: [FUNCTION]
XY_NO_ERROR	: No error.
XY_UNKNOWN_ERROR	: Unknown error.
XY_ALREADY_ACTIVE_ERROR	: Port already acquired.
XY_CANNOT_OPEN_ERROR	: Cannot open specified file.
XY_EMPTY_FILE_ERROR	: Specified file is empty.
XY_NO_STARTUP_CHAR_ERROR	: Must specify NAK, 'C', or 'G'.
XY_NOT_NCG_ERROR	: Expected NAK, 'C', or 'G'.
XY_DISK_READ_ERROR	: Error reading disk.
XY_NO_EOT_ACK_ERROR	: EOT was not ACK'ed.
XY_INTERNAL_ERROR	: Internal error!
XY_CANCELLED_ERROR	: Other side canceled.
XY_OUT_OF_SYNC_ERROR	: Protocol has lost synchronization.
XY_RETRIES_ERROR	: Packet retry limit was exceeded.
XY_BAD_PACKET_NBR_ERROR	: Incorrect packet number.
XY_TIMED_OUT_ERROR	: Timed out waiting for other side.
XY_NO_SUCH_FILE_ERROR	: No such file.
XY_NOT_ACTIVE_ERROR	: Port not acquired by xyAcquire.
XY_PORT_RANGE_ERROR	: Port number out of range.

The numerical value for each error code is listed in the file wscErrors.txt located in the \DOCS subdirectory.