



# PDF-XChange Editor SDK USER MANUAL

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# Welcome

### 1 Welcome



# PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK V7 Manual

Welcome to the **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK V7** user manual. Use the **Table of Contents** on the left to browse the topics of this manual. Click topics to expand them.

We offer several further cutting-edge applications for the manipulation of PDF and image files. See the **PDF-XChange Products Page** for more information.

If you have any queries then please <u>Contact Us.</u> We aim to respond to all communication within eight hours - and we are usually much faster. Additionally, the <u>User Forums</u> are an excellent resource for troubleshooting, and our <u>Knowledgebase</u> contains over four hundred articles about our software and other relevant information.

This manual is broken down into the following sections:

- The Welcome 4 section contains Installation 8 information and System Requirements.
- The **Functions** 10 section details all functions that the **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK** can be used to achieve.
- The <u>Error Handling</u> <sup>(4)</sup> section details all error codes that may appear within **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK.**

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# 1.1 Introduction



The **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK V7** installs via **DLL** and enables the basic viewing/printing of PDF documents within developer applications. Developers who require the use of all <u>PDF-XChange</u> <u>Editor</u> features within their applications should purchase the full **PDF-XChange Editor SDK**, which is available at the link below.

Additional developer kits are available from **PDF-XChange** to create, view, edit and manipulate PDF documents. They include:

- The <u>PDF-XChange Core API SDK</u>, which provides developers with libraries and API for the creation and manipulation of fully-native, industry standard PDF files.
- The <u>PDF-XChange Editor SDK</u>, which enables the incorporation of a fully-licensed version of <u>PDF-XChange Editor</u> into developers' applications.
- The <u>PDF-XChange PRO SDK</u> bundle, which combines the features of the <u>PDF-XChange</u> <u>Drivers API SDK</u> and the <u>PDF-XChange Core API SDK</u>. This **SDK** also features a programmatic OCR module and access to its library DLL functions - including the creation of programmatic, fillable forms and digital signature capabilities.

See <u>here</u> for further information about our developer products and a comprehensive list of available applications.

Please note:

- The **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK** is not a royalty-free tool kit. A fixed amount of licenses are included in each SDK product. Additional bulk-license packs are available see <u>here</u> for further information.
- This toolkit must not be used to develop toolkits/components for non-licensed developers.
- The license agreement contains all relevant terms and conditions of use. If there is any uncertainty about whether the intended use would be in breach of license then please <u>Contact</u>
   <u>Us</u> for clarification. Our terms of licensing are flexible and we can often tailor them to meet the specific needs of our clientele.
- We recommend experimenting with the evaluation version prior to purchase. Evaluation versions are fully functional, but watermarks will be included on output pages. This means that

applications can be fully developed before a purchase is made. When a licensed version is purchased all output becomes watermark-free. Our hope is that this can guarantee satisfaction as we cannot offer refunds once a purchase has taken place.

#### Licensing

Please use **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>**<sup>28</sup> to add your registration key to the product.

#### Support

- Our **Developer Forums** are an excellent resource for troubleshooting.
- The <u>Adobe Website</u> is a very useful resource for developers working on PDF-related applications.
- **PDF-XChange** also provides SDKs for the creation/manipulation of PDF and raster image files, as well as an SDK for virtual printer driver functionality. See <u>here</u> for further information.

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# 1.2 Installation



Click <u>here</u> to download the **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK V7.** The installation folder contains the following items:

- A PDF version of the **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK** manual.
- A PDF version of the PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK user license.
- An examples folder of the **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK** utilized in the following programming languages:
  - C#
  - C/C++
  - Delphi
  - Visual Basic
  - Visual Basic.NET

#### Redistribution

The **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK** depends on only the **pxcview.dll.** Additional **SDK** components from **PDF-XChange** applications are not required. However, the **Microsoft© GDI+** must be installed on the operating system of the local machine in order to enable vector printing. The **Microsoft© GDI+** is installed by default on all version of windows from **Windows XP.** Therefore, if an earlier version is being used, then **Microsoft© GDI+** must be installed. Additionally, **PDF-XChange Editor** is compatible with only **Windows 2000** and later - earlier versions are not supported.



The **PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK** supports all **Windows (32/64 bit)** operating systems from **Windows XP\*** and later:



Figure 1. Supported Operating Systems

Please note the following:

- We recommend that users install the latest **Microsoft Windows** service packs and updates before using our products, as doing so will ensure the greatest possible performance of the software.
- Our products in particular the printer drivers that **PDF-XChange Standard** and **PDF-XChange Lite** utilize - are not designed to work in virtualized environments such as the **XenApp** software.
- \*There are some limitations to product support for **Windows XP** as **Microsoft** have stopped supporting it. Further information about this issue is available <u>here.</u>
- If you are using **Windows 7** then please ensure you have the latest release and all available fixes otherwise you may encounter issues, as detailed <u>here.</u>

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The following functions are available in the PDF-XChange Editor Simple SDK:

- **<u>PXCV\_CheckPassword</u>** 11 validates the supplied password against the current document.
- **<u>PXCV\_Delete</u>** 12 releases the PDF object that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** 28 created.
- **<u>PXCV\_DrawPageToDC</u>** <sup>13</sup> draws specified pages to a device context.
- <u>PXCV\_DrawPageToDIBSection</u> [15] creates a **Windows** graphics device interface DIB section from document pages.
- **<u>PXCV\_DrawPageTolStream</u>** <sup>17</sup> renders the specified page and saves it to the stream object.
- <u>PXCV\_FinishReadDocument</u> <sup>19</sup> completes the reading of encrypted documents when <u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentW</u> <sup>33</sup> returns <u>PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted</u> <sup>51</sup> and <u>PXCV\_CheckPassword</u> <sup>11</sup> supplied the correct password.
- **<u>PXCV\_GetDocumentInfoW</u>** <sup>20</sup> retrieves information from the info dictionary of documents.
- <u>PXCV\_GetPageDimensions</u> 22 retrieves page dimensions.
- **<u>PXCV\_GetPageRotation</u>** <sup>24</sup> retrieves the rotation angle of pages.
- <u>PXCV\_GetPagesCount</u><sup>26</sup> retrieves the page count of documents.
- <u>PXCV\_GetPermissions</u> 27 extracts the encryption level and permission settings of documents.
- **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> creates a PDF object.
- <u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentFromIStream</u> <sup>30</sup> uses an **Istream** interface to read documents.
- <u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentFromMemory</u> [31] reads documents from memory buffers.
- **<u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentW</u>** <sup>33</sup> reads documents from specified PDF files.
- <u>PXCV\_ReleaseCachedData</u> [35] releases cached document data.
- <u>PXCV\_ReleasePageCachedData</u><sup>37</sup> releases cached data for individual document pages.
- **<u>PXCV\_SetCallBack</u>**<sup>39</sup> sets the callback function used during the process of PDF rasterization.
- <u>PXV\_CommonRenderParameters</u> [41] defines drawing parameters for the functions <u>PXCV\_DrawPageToDC</u> [13] and <u>PXCV\_DrawPageToDIBSection</u>. [15]

Please note that all functions and their parameters are case-sensitive.



**PXCV\_CheckPassword** validates the supplied password against the current document, and should be called when <u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentW</u> 33 returns <u>PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted.</u> 51

```
HRESULT PXCV_CheckPassword(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    BYTE* pPassword,
    DWORD PassLen
);
```

#### Parameters

#### Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

#### pPassword

[in] Specifies a pointer to a buffer that contains password data. (Buffers may contain zero '\0' symbols if desired).

#### PassLen

[in] Specifies the buffer length.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is **1** in the case of user passwords and **2** in the case of owner passwords.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]



**PXCV\_Delete** releases the PDF object that **PXCV\_Init** released, and must be called once the object is no longer required/all updates are complete.

```
HRESULT PXCV_Delete(
        PXVDocument Doc
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** reated.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]



PXCV\_DrawPageToDC draws specified pages to a device context.

```
HRESULT PXCV_DrawPageToDC(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    DWORD page_num,
    HDC hDC,
    LPPXV_CommonRenderParameters pParams
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

#### page\_num

[in] Specifies the zero-based page number to be drawn.

hDC

[in] Specifies the handle of the device context onto which page information is drawn.

pParams

[in] Pointer to the **<u>PXV\_CommonRenderParameters</u>** [41] structure that defines drawing parameters.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK or a different value that isn't an error code.

#### Example (C++)

```
HRESULT DrawPageThumbnail (PXVDocument pDoc, DWORD page num, LPCRECT thumb bound rect, HDC of
{
    HRESULT hr;
    double pw, ph;
    hr = PXCV GetPageDimensions(pDoc, page num, &pw, &ph);
    if (IS DS FAILED(hr))
         return hr;
    // calculation rect of thumbnail in pixels
    // (fitting page proportional into thumb bound rect)
    LONG tbw = thumb bound rect->right - thumb bound rect->left;
    LONG tbh = thumb bound rect->bottom - thumb bound rect->top;
    LONG tw = tbw;
    LONG th = tbh;
    double z1 = (double)tw / pw;
    double z2 = (double) th / ph;
    if (z1 \ge z2)
    {
         tw = (LONG)(z2 * pw + 0.5);
    }
    else
    {
         th = (LONG)(z1 * ph + 0.5);
    }
    RECT thumb rect;
    thumb rect.left = thumb bound rect->left + (tbw - tw) / 2;
    thumb rect.top = thumb bound rect->top + (tbh - th) / 2;
    thumb rect.right = thumb rect.left + tw;
    thumb rect.bottom = thumb rect.top + th;
    // now filling PXV CommonRenderParameters structure
    PXV CommonRenderParameters crp;
    crp.WholePageRect = &thumb rect;
    crp.DrawRect = NULL; // because we will draw whole page. It is equal to: crp.DrawRect
    crp.Flags = 0; // should be zero as specified
    crp.RenderTarget = pxvrm Viewing;
    hr = PXCV DrawPageToDC(pDoc, page num, dc, &crp);
    return hr;
}
```

# 2.4 PXCV\_DrawPageToDIBSection



**PXCV\_DrawPageToDIBSection** creates a **Windows** graphics device interface DIB section from document pages.

```
HRESULT PXCV_DrawPageToDIBSection(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    DWORD page_num,
    LPPXV_CommonRederParameters pParams,
    HDC hBaseDC,
    COLORREF backcolor,
    HBITMAP* pResDIBSection,
    HANDLE hSection,
    DWORD dwOffset
);
```

#### Parameters

#### Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** 28 created.

#### page\_num

[in] Specifies the zero-based page number to be drawn.

#### pParams

[in] Pointer to the <u>PXV\_CommonRenderParameters</u>[41] structure, which defines drawing parameters. Please note that this function ignores the <u>pxvrpf\_UseVectorRenderer</u>[42] flag contained in the *Flags* field of <u>PXV\_CommonRenderParameters</u>.[41]

#### hBaseDC

[in] Handle of the device context used to create DIB sections. This parameter can be set to NULL if desired.

#### backcolor

[in] Specifies the background color. The most significant byte is used as the transparency value. **0** is full transparency and **255** is no transparency.

#### pResDIBSection

[out] Pointer to the **HBITMAP** variable that receives the DIB section handle.

hSection

[in] Handle of the file-mapping object used to create the DIB section. This parameter can be set to NULL if desired. See **<u>CreateDIBSection</u>** for further information about this parameter.

#### dwOffset

[in] Specifies the offset from the the beginning of the object that *hSection* references to where storage of the bitmap bit values begin. This value is ignored if *hSection* is NULL. Please note that the bitmap bit values are aligned on doubleword boundaries, therefore the offset must be a multiple of the size of a DWORD.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

## **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, or a different value that isn't an error code.



**PXCV\_DrawPageTolStream** renders the specified page and saves it to the stream object.

```
HRESULT PXCV_DrawPageToIStream(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    DWORD page_num,
    LPPXV_CommonRenderParameters pParams,
    COLORREF backcolor,
    LPPXV_DrawToImageParams pImageParams,
    IStream* pDest
);
```

#### Parameters

#### Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

#### page\_num

[in] Specifies the zero-based page number to be rendered.

#### pParams

[in] Pointer to the **PXV\_CommonRenderParameters** [41] structure, which defines drawing parameters.

#### backcolor

[in] Specifies the color used to fill the background before pages are rendered. The most significant byte is used as the transparency value. **0** is full transparency and **255** is no transparency.

#### pImageParams

[in] Pointer to the **PXV\_DrawToImageParams** 47 structure, which defines the parameters of generated image files.

pDest

[in] Pointer to the IStream object where images that this function creates are stored.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code.

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, or a different value that isn't an error code.

#### Example (C++)

```
HRESULT DrawPageToPNG(PXVDocument pDoc, DWORD page num, LPCWSTR sFileName)
{
   HRESULT hr = S OK;
   RECT rect;
   PXV_CommonRenderParameters crp = {0}; // common render parameters - used to specify
                                           // which size should rasterised (in our examp.
                                            // also defines different render options
   PXV DrawToImageParams dip = {0}; // specify resulting image parameters, like for
   IStream* pImage = NULL;
                                    // in real app it will be the stream where image sho
   // lets create a stream on file where our rendered image will be stored
   hr = SHCreateStreamOnFile(sFileName, STGM CREATE | STGM READWRITE, &pImage);
   // lets specify parameters for rendering
   rect.left = 0; rect.top = 0;
   rect.right = 600; rect.bottom = 800;
   crp.WholePageRect = ▭
   crp.DrawRect = ▭
   crp.Flags = pxvrpf EmbeddedFontAsCurves | pxvrpf NoTransparentBkgnd;
   crp.RenderTarget = pxvrm Exporting;
   dip.ImageFormat = IMGF PNG;
   dip.Flags = 0; // reserved
   dip.Bpp = 24;
   // rendering
   hr = PXCV DrawPageToIStream(pDoc, 0, &crp, RGB(255, 255, 255) | 0xFF000000, &dip, pImac
   pImage->Release();
   return hr;
}
```



**PXCV\_FinishReadDocument** completes the reading of encrypted documents when <u>**PXCV\_ReadDocumentW</u>** [33] returns <u>**PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted**</u> [51] and <u>**PXCV\_CheckPassword**</u> [11] supplied the correct password.</u>

```
HRESULT PXCV_FinishReadDocument(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    DWORD Flags
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

Flags

[in] This parameter is reserved for future use and should be set to 0.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

#### Comments

This function should be called only when <u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentW</u> <sup>33</sup> returns <u>PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted</u> <sup>51</sup> and <u>PXCV\_CheckPassword</u> <sup>11</sup> supplied the correct password. If calls to <u>PXCV\_ReadDocumentW</u> <sup>33</sup> are successful then there is no need to call this function.



**PXCV\_GetDocumentInfoW** retrieves information from the info dictionary of documents. (The information retrieved is the same as that displayed when files are right-clicked and the **Properties** option is selected).

```
HRESULT PXCV_GetDocumentInfoW(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    LPCSTR name,
    LPWSTR value,
    DWORD* valuebuflen
);
```

#### Parameters

#### Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **PXCV\_Init** 28 created.

#### name

[in] Pointer to an ASCII string that defines the information key (**Title, Author, Subject** etc) for the value to be retrieved. Please note that this parameter is case-sensitive and incompatible with UNICODE.

#### value

[in/out] Specifies a pointer to a buffer where retrieved information is placed. If this parameter is set to NULL then the required buffer size will be placed in *valuebuflen*. Buffer sizes are given in characters.

#### valuebuflen

[in/out] Specifies an available buffer size. Buffer sizes are given in characters, and a null-terminating character is included. If *value* is NULL then *valuebuflen* will write the required buffer size in characters. If *value* is not NULL then *valuebuflen* will write the character count, including a null-terminating character, and place it into a buffer.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code.

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS OK, or a different value that is not an error code.

## Example (C++)

```
LPCWSTR GetAuthor(PXVDocument Doc)
{
    LPWSTR res = NULL;
    DWORD sz = 0;
    HRESULT hr = PXCV_GetDocumentInfoW(Doc, "Author", res, &sz);
    if (IS_DS_FAILED(hr) || (sz == 0))
        return res;
    res = new WCHAR[sz + 1];
    PXCV_GetDocumentInfoW(Doc, "Author", res, &sz);
    return res;
}
```



PXCV\_GetPageDimensions retrieves page dimensions in points.

```
HRESULT PXCV_GetPageDimensions(
    PXVDocument Doc,
    DWORD page_num,
    double* width,
    double* height
);
```

#### Parameters

#### Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** [28] created.

#### page\_num

[in] Specifies the zero-based page number for which to retrieve dimensions.

#### width

[out] Pointer to a double variable that receives the width of the page. The measurement returned is the width (in points) of the crop box.

height

[out] Pointer to a double variable that receives the height of the page. The measurement returned is the height (in points) of the crop box.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

## **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, or a different value that isn't an error code.

#### Example (C++)

```
HRESULT GetPageDimInPixels(PXVDocument pDoc, DWORD page_num, DWORD dpi, SIZE* dims)
{
    double pw, ph;
    HRESULT hr = PXCV_GetPageDimensions(pDoc, page_num, &pw, &ph);
    if (IS_DS_SUCCESSFUL(hr))
    {
        dims.cx = (LONG)(pw * dpi / 72.0 + 0.5);
        dims.cy = (LONG)(ph * dpi / 72.0 + 0.5);
    }
    return hr;
}
```

# 2.9 PXCV\_GetPageRotation



**PXCV\_GetPageRotation** retrieves the rotation angle of pages. The angle is always a multiple of ninety degrees.

```
HRESULT PXCV_GetPageRotation(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        DWORD page_num,
        LONG* angle
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** 28 created.

#### page\_num

[in] Specifies the zero-based page number from which to retrieve rotation information.

#### angle

[out] Pointer to the LONG variable that receives the rotation angle. Possible results are:

- 0 no rotation.
- 90 page is rotated ninety degrees clockwise.
- 180 page is rotated one hundred and eighty degrees.
- 270 page is rotated ninety degrees counter-clockwise.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, or a different value that isn't an error code.

# 2.10 PXCV\_GetPagesCount



**PXCV\_GetPagesCount** retrieves the page count of documents.

```
HRESULT PXCV_GetPagesCount(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        DWORD* count
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

count

[out] Pointer to a DWORD variable into which the page count is returned.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, or a different value that isn't an error code.

# 2.11 PXCV\_GetPermissions



**PXCV\_GetPermissions** extracts the encryption level and permission settings of documents.

```
HRESULT PXCV_GetPermissions(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        DWORD* enclevel,
        DWORD* permFlags
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** 28 created.

#### enclevel

[out] Specifies a pointer to a DWORD variable that receives the encryption level information of the document. The value will be either 40 or 128.

#### permFlags

[out] Specifies a pointer to a DWORD variable that receives the permission flag information of the document.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, or a different value that is not an error code.

# **Functions**

# 2.12 PXCV\_Init



**PXCV\_Init** creates new PDF objects that the majority of functions in the **PDF\_XChange Editor Simple SDK** require.

```
HRESULT PXCV_Init(
        PXVDocument* pDoc,
        LPCSTR Key,
        LPCSTR DevCode
);
```

#### Parameters

#### pDoc

Pointer to a **PXVDocument** variable that will receive the PDF object.

#### Кеу

[in] Pointer to a null-terminated string that contains the license key. This parameter can be set to NULL, in which case the library will operate in evaluation mode. (Permanent watermarks will be printed on all output).

#### DevCode

[in] Pointer to a null-terminated string that contains the developer code. If this parameter is absent/invalid, then demo labels will be added to all generated pages. Please note that pDevCode is only needed when the older style license keys are used. If a new style of key is being used then the pDevCode parameter should be *NULL* or just an empty string. This is because the new style keys include the information necessary for the pDevCode parameter, but we must retain the property as there are still users who have the older style license keys.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK, and a variable pointer to *pDoc* will contain the valid PDF object.

If the function fails then the return value is an  $\frac{\text{error code.}}{50}$ 

## Example (C++)

```
PXVDocument hDocument = NULL;
// Please note - RegCode and DevCode are case sensitive
LPCSTR regcode = "<Your serial/keycode code here>";
LPCSTR devcode = "<Your developer's code here>";
HRESULT res = PXCV_Init(&hDocument, regcode, devcode);
if (IS_DS_FAILED(res))
    return res;
...
PXCV_Delete(hDocument);
```

# 2.13 PXCV\_ReadDocumentFromIStream



PXCV\_ReadDocumentFromIStream uses an Istream interface to read documents.

```
HRESULT PXCV_ReadDocumentFromIStream(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        IStream* stream,
        DWORD Flags
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** 28 created.

stream

[in] Specifies a pointer for the stream that loads the PDF document.

Flags

[in] This parameter is reserved for future use and should be set to 0.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. 50

If the function return value is equal to <u>PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted</u> [51] then <u>PXCV\_CheckPassword</u> [11] and <u>PXCV\_FinishReadDocument</u> [19] must be used to provide a password.

2.14 PXCV\_ReadDocumentFromMemory



PXCV\_ReadDocumentFromMemory reads documents from memory buffers.

```
HRESULT PXCV_ReadDocumentFromMemory(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        const BYTE* mem,
        UINT size,
        DWORD Flags
);
```

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

тет

[in] Pointer to a memory buffer that contains the document to be opened.

size

[in] Specifies the size (in bytes) of the buffer to which mem points.

Flags

[in] This parameter is reserved for future use and should be set to 0.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function return value is equal to **PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted** [51] then **PXCV\_CheckPassword** [11] and **PXCV\_FinishReadDocument** [19] must be used to complete the reading and parsing of the document.

## Comments

Memory blocks are passed to the function and should not be released until the function **<u>PXCV\_Delete</u>** 12 has been called.



PXCV\_ReadDocumentW reads documents from specified PDF files.

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

#### *pwFileName*

[in] Specifies a pointer to a null-terminated UNICODE string that contains the fully qualified path to the file.

#### Flags

[in] This parameter is reserved for future use and should be set to 0.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

If the function return value is equal to <u>PS\_ERR\_DocEncrypted</u> then <u>PXCV\_CheckPassword</u> and <u>PXCV\_FinishReadDocument</u> must be used to complete the reading and parsing of the document.

#### Example (C++)

```
// Generic example on how to read the document
PXVDocument hDocument = NULL;
// Please note - RegCode and DevCode are case sensitive
LPCSTR regcode = "<Your serial/keycode code here>";
LPCSTR devcode = "<Your developers' code here>";
HRESULT res = PXCV Init(&hDocument, regcode, devcode);
if (IS DS FAILED(res))
    return res;
hr = PXCV ReadDocumentW(hDocument, FileName, 0);
 if (IS DS FAILED(hr))
  {
      if (hr == PS ERR DocEncrypted)
      {
          while (IS DS FAILED(hr))
          {
              BYTE* Password;
              DWORD PassLen;
              // Obtain password (i.e. showing some dialog)
              // ...
              // Check password
              hr = PXCV CheckPassword(hDocument, Password, PassLen);
          }
          // Finish read document
          hr = PXCV FinishReadDocument(hDocument, 0);
          if (IS DS FAILED(hr))
          {
          PXCV Delete(hDocument);
              // In this case document seems to be corrupted
              // ...
          }
      }
      else
      {
          PXCV Delete(hDocument);
          // In this case document seems to be corrupted
          // ...
      }
  }
  // In this place the document is completely read.
```



PXCV\_ReleaseCachedData releases cached document data.

#### Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** 28 created.

dwFlags

[in] Specifies the cached content to be freed. The flag **pxvrcd\_ReleaseDocumentFonts** is the only flag available for this parameter, and it features the value **0x0002.** See **PXCV\_ReleasePageCachedData 1** for further information on this parameter.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

#### Comments

• This function clears all cached data for the document, which means the next rendering operations will require re-reading and conversion of some data. However, clearing cached data may free a significant quantity of used memory. Therefore a call to this function is recommended after several pages have been rendered, especially if they will not be be reused.

• The PDF rasterizer requires significant memory usage for many operations, including: sequences of rendering operators, sharing fonts between pages for text rendering, sharing non-embedded fonts between documents and sharing images between pages. All of these objects must be converted into internal, rasterized representations before being used, which is likely to be a time-consuming operation. The PDF rasterizer keeps all objects as internal representations in order to accelerate page rendering. This is most significant when several parts of the same page are rendered sequentially. This is because it means that some objects will not require repeated conversion during subsequent rendering operations. However, some objects require a lot of memory - for example a "simple" page of text may contain several thousand rendering operators - therefore it may become necessary to free cached objects in order to free used memory. Two functions are provided to achieve this: <u>PXCV\_ReleaseCachedData</u> 35 and <u>PXCV\_ReleasePageCachedData</u> 37



This function releases page-specific, cached data for one document page. (It also contains optional functionality to release global/shared resources used subsequently to the initial release of data. See **Comments** for further information).

```
HRESULT PXCV_ReleasePageCachedData(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        DWORD page_num,
        DWORD dwFlags
);
```

);

## Parameters

#### Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

### page\_num

[in] Specifies the zero-based page number for which cached data should be released.

### dwFlags

[in] Specifies the cached content to be freed. Any combination of the following flags is possible:

Name	Value	Meaning
pxvrcd_ReleaseDocumentIma ges	0x0001	Release used images.
pxvrcd_ReleaseDocumentFon ts	0x0002	Release used embedded fonts.

pxvrcd_ReleaseGlobalFonts	0x0004	Release used global (unembedded) fonts.
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Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code. [50]

## Comments

- This function releases data used to render a specified page (as opposed to all cached document data). If *dwFlags* is zero (0) then only the content-rendering operators for the page specified will be released. This function is recommended when a page has been rendered that is unlikely to be rendered again soon. Additionally, it is recommended that the **pxvrcd\_ReleaseDocumentImages** flag is used to call **PXCV\_ReleaseCachedData** s images are not usually shared between adjacent pages.
- The PDF rasterizer requires significant memory usage for many operations, including: sequences of rendering operators, sharing fonts between pages for text rendering, sharing non-embedded fonts between documents and sharing images between pages. All of these objects must be converted into internal, rasterized representations before being used, which is likely to be a time-consuming operation. The PDF rasterizer keeps all objects as internal representations in order to accelerate page rendering. This is most significant when several parts of the same page are rendered sequentially. This is because it means that some objects will not require repeated conversion during subsequent rendering operations. However, some objects require a lot of memory for example a "simple" page of text may contain several thousand rendering operators therefore it may become necessary to free cached objects in order to free used memory. Two functions are provided to achieve this: <u>PXCV\_ReleaseCachedData</u> <sup>37</sup> and <u>PXCV\_ReleasePageCachedData</u>.

## 2.18 PXCV\_SetCallBack



**PXCV\_SetCallBack** sets the callback function used during the PDF rasterization process.

```
HRESULT PXCV_SetCallBack(
        PXVDocument Doc,
        PXV36_CALLBACK_FUNC pProc,
        LPARAM UserData
);
```

## Parameters

Doc

[in] Specifies a document that **<u>PXCV\_Init</u>** <sup>28</sup> created.

#### pProc

[in] Specifies the callback function, which must be defined as:

typedef BOOL ( stdcall \*PXV36 CALLBACK FUNC) (DWORD dwStage, DWORD dwLevel,

The first parameter of this function indicates the callback state; the second indicates the progress level (see below), and the third will always have the same value as that passed in *UserData*.

## **Callback Function's State Constants Table**

Constant	Value	Meaning of Level
PXCVClb_Start	1	<b>MaxVal</b> - maximum value of the level which will be passed.
PXCVClb_Processing	2	Current progress level - any value from <b>0</b> to <b>MaxVal.</b>

PXCVClb_Finish	3	Any value from <b>0</b> to <b>MaxVal</b> (if all levels are passed then the value is <b>MaxVal</b> ). This constant can be ignored if desired.

Please note that the callback function should return TRUE (any non-zero value) to continue processing or FALSE (zero) to abort the operation.

UserData

[in] Specifies a user-defined callback parameter to be passed as a third parameter to the function specified by *pProc*.

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

### **Return Values**

If the function succeeds then the return value is DS\_OK.

If the function fails then the return value is an error code.

2.19 PXV\_CommonRenderParameters



The **PXV\_CommonRenderParameters** structure defines drawing parameters for the functions <u>PXCV\_DrawPageToDC</u> and <u>PXCV\_DrawPageToDIBSection</u>.

```
typedef struct _PXV_CommonRenderParameters {
   LPRECT WholePageRect;
   LPRECT DrawRect;
   DWORD Flags;
   DWORD RenderTarget;
} PXV CommonRenderParameters;
```

## Members

#### WholePageRect

Specifies the rectangular area in which the PDF page rectangle will be drawn. See **Comments** for further information.

#### DrawRect

Specifies the rectangular portion of the PDF page to be drawn. If this field is NULL then the entire PDF page will be drawn.

#### Flags

This **DWORD** value is a combination of flags that defines rendering options such as rotation and vector rendering. Any combination of the following values is possible:

Flag	Value	Meaning
pxvrpf_Rotate_NoRotate	0x0000	No rotation is carried out before pages are drawn.
PXCVClb_Processing	0x0001	

		Pages are rotated ninety degrees clockwise and then drawn. This is the standard Landscape layout.
pxvrpf_Rotate_Rotate180	0x0002	Pages are rotated one hundred and eighty degrees and then drawn.
pxvrpf_Rotate_Rotate90CCW	0x0003	Pages are rotated ninety degrees counterclockwise and then drawn.
pxvrpf_UseVectorRenderer	0x0004	Specifies that vector rendering is used (as opposed to raster rendering). This feature is recommended as the print job and the resources it uses are considerably smaller as a result. The <b>Microsoft GDI</b> is used for rendering.
pxvrpf_RenderAsGray	0x0008	Specifies that rendering is performed in grayscale mode.
pxvrpf_EmbeddedFontAsCur ves	0x0010	Specifies that all embedded fonts are rendered as curves - text functions will not be used. If this flag is not used then embedded, true-type fonts are installed temporarily for rendering. N.b. this flag has meaning only when <b>pxvrpf_UseVectorRenderer</b> is used - otherwise it is ignored.
pxvrpf_AllFontsAsCuves	0x0030	Specifies that all fonts are rendered as curves and without using text output API functions. N.b. this flag has meaning only when <b>pxvrpf_UseVectorRenderer</b> is used - otherwise it is ignored.
pxvrpf_NoTransparentBkgnd	0x0040	Specifies that raster images are filled with non- transparent white color before they are drawn. When this

	flag is not specified drawings are provided on a transparent background.
	N.b. this flag has meaning only when <b>pxvrpf_UseVectorRenderer</b> is not used.

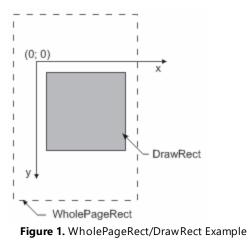
### RenderTarget

Specifies the rendering mode to be used. This is meaningful when the optional content exists within a document that is visible only in some rendering modes, such as push-buttons within an Adobe Acroform. Any combination of the following values is possible:

Constant	Value	Meaning
pxvrm_Viewing	0	Sets the rendering target as <b>View.</b> For example, this mode can be used for displaying a document on the screen.
pxvrm_Printing	1	Sets the rendering target as <b>Print.</b> For example, this mode is used for printing a document (or for a print preview).
pxvrm_Exporting	2	Sets the rendering target as <b>Export.</b> For example, this mode is used for exporting document content to a different format, such as supported raster image formats.

Please note that all functions and parameters/members are case-sensitive.

## Comments



When specific sections of PDF pages are drawn, it is necessary to specify two areas. Firstly, the rectangular area of the target's DC must be given as "**WholePageRect**," which the entire PDF page will occupy. Secondly, the area of the PDF page drawn within **WholePageRect** must be given as "**DrawRect**". If **DrawRect** is set to NULL then the entire PDF page will be drawn within the target device's **WholePageRect** area. This simplifies the scaling of the PDF page (zoom level) and helps prevent rounding errors during the conversion from points to pixels.

## Example 1

The objective is to draw a PDF page within the application window, given the following dimensions:

- 1. The PDF page has the dimensions 576 x 792 points (8 x 11 inches).
- 2. The desired "zoom level" is 400% a scaling factor of four.
- 3. The application window's DC has the dimensions 600 x 800 pixels, with a DPI of 96.

4. The application window has scroll bars to control the page display. Their positions are 120 for the vertical and 180 for the horizontal, assuming that the maximum position for the horizontal scroll bar is the page's width in pixels less the window width.

The first step is to calculate the PDF page's dimensions in pixels:

page\_width\_in\_pixels = (576 / 72) \* 96 \* 4 = 3072 pixels

page\_height\_in\_pixels = (792 / 72) \* 96 \* 4 = 4224 pixels

If the dimensions of the PDF page and the zoom level remain constant then these values will also remain constant.

Therefore the **WholePageRect** and **DrawRect** values for the **PXV\_CommonRenderParameters** structure are:

WholePageRect.left = -180; // horizontal scroll position WholePageRect.top = -120; // vertical scroll position WholePageRect.right = WholePageRect.left + page\_width\_in\_pixels; WholePageRect.bottom = WholePageRect.top + page\_height\_in\_pixels;

DrawRect.left = 0; DrawRect.top = 0; DrawRect.right = 600; // the window width DrawRect.top = 800; // the window height

If the zoom level is constant then **WholePageRect** depends on only the position of the scroll bars. This simplifies the calculations involved and reduces rounding errors.

## Example 2

The objective is to draw a portion of a PDF page, given the following dimensions:

- 1. The PDF page has a width of 576 points (8 inches) and a height of 792 points (11 inches).
- 2. The desired portion of the page, starting from point (10, 10), is defined as:

left = 144pt; top = 288pt; right = 360pt; bottom = 648pt 3. The page portion will be drawn on the target DC with a zoom factor of 200%, or a scaling factor of two.

4. The DC has a DPI of 96.

The first step is to calculate the PDF page's dimensions in pixels:

width = (576 / 72) \* 96 \* (200 / 100) = 1536 pixels; height = 2112 pixels.

Therefore the width of the required page portion is:

portion\_width = ((360 - 144) / 72) \* 96 \* (200 / 100) = 576 pixels; portion\_height = 960 pixels.

The top-left point of the drawn area must be located at the coordinates (10, 10) on the DC. Therefore the top-left point of the complete page will have the following coordinates:

Page\_Origin\_X = 10 - (144 / 72) \* 96 \* 200 / 100 = -374; Page\_Origin\_Y = 10 - (288 / 72) \* 96 \* 200 / 100 = -758; The required values are therefore: **WholePageRect** = {-374, -758, -354 + 1536, -758 + 2112}; and **DrawRect** = {10, 10, 10 + 576, 10 + 960}.



The **PXV\_DrawToImage** structure formats image files that **<u>PXCV\_DrawPageToIStream</u>** [17] creates.

```
typedef struct _PXV_DrawToImageParams {
  DWORD ImageFormat;
  DWORD Bpp;
} PXV DrawToImageParams;
```

## Members

## ImageFormat

Specifies into which file format images are stored. Possible values are:

Value	Name	Comment
0x504e4720	PNG	Specifies PNG format. This format supports transparency. Supported Bpp values: 1, 8, 24, 32.
0x4a504547	Jpeg	Specifies JPEG format. This format does not support transparency. Supported Bpp values are 8 and 24.
0x54494646	TIFF	Specifies TIFF format. Supported Bpp values are: 1, 8, 24, 32.

### Flags

This member is reserved for future usage and should be set to 0.

Врр

Specifies the bits per pixel value, which depends on the format used.

Please note that all functions and parameters/members are case-sensitive.

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#### 3 **Error Handling**



See the following pages for information on error handling:

- Error Codes 50
- <u>PXCV\_Err\_FormatFacility</u>
- PXCV\_Err\_FormatSeverity
   57
   PXCV\_Err\_FormatErrorCode
   59

## 3.1 Error Codes



Functions return an HRESULT value in most cases. This provides a simple means to determine the success/failure of a function call.

If the most significant bit or result is set to 1 then the specified error occurred. Any other result means the function was successful. The following macros for **C/C++** apply these checks:

#define IS\_DS\_SUCCESSFUL(x)
#define IS\_DS\_FAILED(x)

(((x) & 0x8000000) == 0)(((x) & 0x80000000) != 0)

**Note:** it is strongly recommended to use the same macros consistently in order to establish the success of function calls. A simple comparison with zero will often result in unreliable data, as detailed in the example below.

Please note that these macros are case-sensitive.

Functions may return warning codes that are neither equal to zero nor negative. Usually this means that the function was successful and is providing additional information about the call, for example that a default value was returned. See **Functions** 10 for further information.

The **IS\_DS\_WARNING** macros can be used to determine if the return value generates a warning. The following code can be used to check for the error status of the **PXCV\_CheckPassword** full function:

```
HRESULT hr = PXCV_CheckPassword(doc, password, len);

if (IS_DS_FAILED(hr))
{
    // An error occurred!
    // Manage the error accordingly to provide an orderly exit from the function call
    ...
}
else
{
    // 'hr' contains a value that indicates whether the password supplied was owner or
    ...
}
```

The following code is an example of how error-checking should **not** be performed:

```
HRESULT hr = PXCV_CheckPassword(doc, password, len);

if (hr == 0)
{
    // treat as success
    ...
    (this is not true as a positive return value was received!)
    ...
}
else
{
    // treat as error
    (Incorrect as the return value has not been adequately identified and this is unrel
    ...
}
```

The most common error codes are listed in the table below, but it should be noted that functions may return other error codes. There are three further functions available for dealing with errors that may provide additional information: <u>PXCV\_Err\_FormatSeverity</u>, [57] <u>PXCV\_Err\_FormatFacility</u> [55] and <u>PXCV\_Err\_FormatErrorCode</u>, [59] A code example is provided below the table. Please note that this function will provide information about all possible error codes.

Possible error values of PDF parser/structure:

Constant	Value	Description
S_ERR_NOTIMPLEMENTED	0x820f04b0	The function is not implemented.
PS_ERR_INVALID_ARG	0x820f0001	The argument is invalid.
PS_ERR_MEMALLOC	0x820f03e8	There is insufficient memory to perform the function.
PS_ERR_USER_BREAK	0x820f01f4	The user aborted the operation.

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PS_ERR_INTERNAL	0x820f0011	There are an internal error.
PS_ERR_INVALID_FILE_FORMA T	0x820f0002	The file format is invalid.
PS_ERR_REQUIRED_PROP_NO T_SET	0x820f2716	A required property is not set.
PS_ERR_INVALID_PROP_TYPE	0x820f2717	The property type is invalid.
PS_ERR_INVALID_PROP_VALU E	0x820f2718	The property value is invalid.
PS_ERR_INVALID_OBJECT_NU M	0x820f2719	The object number is invalid.
PS_ERR_INVALID_PS_OPERAT OR	0x820f271c	The PS operator is invalid.
PS_ERR_UNKNOWN_OPERAT OR	0x820f2787	The operator is unknown.
PS_ERR_INVALID_CONTENT_S TATE	0x820f2788	The content state is invalid.
PS_ERR_NoPassword	0x820f27a8	There is no password.
PS_ERR_UnknowCryptFlt	0x820f27a9	There is an unknown crypt filter.

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PS_ERR_WrongPassword	0x820f27aa	The password provided is incorrect.
PS_ERR_InvlaidObjStruct	0x820f27ab	The object structure is invalid.
PS_ERR_WrongEncryptDict	0x820f27ac	The encryption dictionary is invalid.
PS_ERR_DocEncrypted	0x820f27ad	The document is encrypted.
PS_ERR_DocNOTEncrypted	0x820f27ae	The document not encrypted.
PS_ERR_WrongObjStream	0x820f27af	The object stream is invalid.
PS_ERR_WrongTrailer	0x820f27b0	The document trailer is invalid.
PS_ERR_WrongXRef	0x820f27b1	The xref table is invalid.
PS_ERR_WrongDecodeParms	0x820f27b2	There is at least one invalid decode parameter.
PS_ERR_XRefNotFounded	0x820f27b3	The xref table was not found.
PS_ERR_DocAlreadyRead	0x820f27b4	The document is already read.
PS_ERR_DocNotRead	0x820f27b5	The document was not read.

## Comments

The utility **DSErrorLookUp.exe** can provide additional error code data. This is a very useful application development tool and can be found in the installation folders. It is strongly recommended that developers utilize **DSErrorLookUp.exe** to debug their applications during the development process.

## Example (C++)

```
// Using of PXCV Err FormatSeverity, PXCV Err FormatFacility, PXCV Err FormatErrorCode fund
char* err message = NULL;
char* buf = NULL;
PXCPage* p = NULL;
    // Code below should always return an error and never work
HRESULT dummyError = PXCV ReadDocumentW(NULL, NULL, 0);
LONG sevLen = PXCV Err FormatSeverity(dummyError, NULL, 0);
LONG facLen = PXCV Err FormatFacility(dummyError, NULL, 0);
LONG descLen = PXCV Err FormatErrorCode(dummyError, NULL, 0);
if ((sevLen > 0) && (facLen > 0) && (descLen > 0))
{
    // Total length of the formated text is the sum of the length for each description
    // plus some additional characters for formating
    LONG total = sevLen + facLen + descLen + 128;
    // allocate buffer for message
    err message = new char[total];
    err message[0] = ' \setminus 0';
    // allocate temporary buffer
    buf = new char[total];
    // get error severity and append to message
    if (PXCV Err FormatSeverity(dummyError, buf, total) > 0)
        lstrcat(err message, buf);
    lstrcat(err message, " [");
    // get error facility and append to message
    if (PXCV Err FormatFacility(dummyError, buf, total) > 0)
        lstrcat(err message, buf);
    lstrcat(err message, "]: ");
    // and error code description and append to message
    if (PXCV Err FormatErrorCode(dummyError, buf, total) > 0)
        lstrcat(err message, buf);
    ::MessageBox(NULL, err message, "Test error", MB OK);
    delete[] buf;
    delete[] err message;
}
```

## 3.2 PXCV\_Err\_FormatFacility



PXCV\_Err\_FormatFacility returns information on where errors occurred for the error code specified.

```
LONG PXCV_Err_FormatFacility(
    HRESULT errorcode,
    LPSTR buf,
    LONG maxlen
);
```

### Parameters

errorcode

[in] Specifies the HRESULT that a function returned.

buf

[out] Specifies a pointer to a buffer where the error facility information is returned. Pass NULL for *buf* in order to determine the required buffer size.

maxlen

[in] Specifies the available buffer size in characters (including a null-terminating character).

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails to recognize an error code then the return value is negative.

If the function fails to retrieve information about an error code then the return value is zero.

If the function successfully retrieves information and the parameter *buf* is NULL then the return value is the number of characters required to store the description (including a null-terminating character).

If the function successfully retrieves information and the parameter *buf* is not NULL then the return value is the number of characters written to the buffer (including a null-terminating character).



**PXCV\_Err\_FormatSeverity** returns information regarding the severity of the error. See **Error Codes** 50 for further information.

```
LONG PXCV_Err_FormatSeverity(
    HRESULT errorcode,
    LPSTR buf,
    LONG maxlen
);
```

## Parameters

errorcode

[in] Specifies an HRESULT that a library function returned.

buf

[out] Specifies a pointer to a buffer where the error severity value is returned. Pass NULL for *buf* in order to determine the required buffer size.

maxlen

[in] Specifies the available buffer size in characters (including a null-terminating character).

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

### **Return Values**

If the function fails to recognize an error code then the return value is negative.

If the function fails to retrieve information on an error code then the return value is zero.

If the function successfully retrieves information and the parameter *buf* is NULL then the return value is the number of characters required to store the description (including a null-terminating character).

If the function successfully retrieves information and the parameter *buf* is not NULL then the return value is the number of characters written to the buffer (including a null-terminating character).

## 3.4 PXCV\_Err\_FormatErrorCode



PXCV\_Err\_FormatErrorCode provides error code information.

```
LONG PXCV_Err_FormatErrorCode(
    HRESULT errorcode,
    LPSTR buf,
    LONG maxlen
);
```

### Parameters

errorcode

[in] Specifies the HRESULT that a library function returned.

buf

[out] Specifies a pointer to a buffer where the error description is returned. Pass NULL for *buf* in order to determine the required buffer size.

maxlen

[in] Specifies the available buffer size in characters (including a null-terminating character).

Please note that all functions and parameters are case-sensitive.

#### **Return Values**

If the function fails to recognize an error code then the return value is negative.

If the function fails to find information on the error code then the return value is zero.

If the function successfully retrieves information and the parameter *buf* is NULL, then the return value is the number of characters required to store the description (including a null-terminating character).

If the function successfully retrieves information and the parameter *buf* is not NULL, then the return value is the number of characters written to a buffer (including a null-terminating character).

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