

BeginPath

The **BeginPath** function opens a path bracket in the specified device context (DC).

```
BOOL BeginPath(  
    HDC hdc        // handle of device context  
);
```

Parameters

hdc
Identifies the DC.

Return Value

If the function succeeds, the return value is TRUE.

If the function fails, the return value is FALSE. To get extended error information, call [GetLastError](#).

Remarks

After a path bracket is open, an application can begin calling GDI drawing functions to define the points that lie in the path. An application can close an open path bracket by calling the [EndPath](#) function.

When an application calls **BeginPath** for a DC, any previous paths are discarded from that DC.

Windows NT:

The following drawing functions define points in a path:

AngleArc	LineTo	Polyline
Arc	MoveToEx	PolylineTo
ArcTo	Pie	PolyPolygon
Chord	PolyBezier	PolyPolyline
CloseFigure	PolyBezierTo	Rectangle
Ellipse	PolyDraw	RoundRect
ExtTextOut	Polygon	TextOut