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## xpaopen

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## Synopsis

Create a persistent connection for XPA calls.

## Syntax

```
XPA_Type XPAOpen()  
XPA_Type XPAOpen( String_Type mode )
```

## Description

Explicitly create a persistent XPA\_Type handle for use in subsequent XPA calls (analogous to the way a file pointer is used for I/O). This is most useful for high-volume traffic, to avoid the cost of setting up and tearing down the communications channel during each message exchange. The mode parameter is currently ignored by XPA, and so may be omitted with no consequence.

## Example

```
chips> xp = XPAOpen()  
chips> ns = XPAGet( xp, "xpans", "" )  
chips> fname = XPAGet( xp, "prism", "filename" )  
chips> XPAClose( xp )
```

Here we create a persistent connection using XPAOpen() and then use it in two calls: the first to find the list of all XPA access points (from "xpans") and the second to find the filename currently being displayed by prism. We then use XPAClose() to close the connection.

## See Also

*modules*[xpa](#)*xpa*[slxpa\\_version](#), [slxpa\\_errno](#), [xpa\\_maxhosts](#), [xpa\\_version](#), [xpaaccess](#), [xpaclose](#), [xpaget](#), [xpagetb](#), [xpagettofile](#), [xpaaset](#)

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