

Bruce Neiminen

From: ericst
To: jimia; johnen; sergiop; terrb
Cc: bradc; mikedr; philba; sergiop; tomie
Subject: Re: dr dos compatibility testing
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 1991 4:39PM

Date: Wed Mar 20 19:06:25 1991

I suspect that DR-DOS does not force A20 to be local when running with DOS in the HMA under Windows 3.0. Thus, multitasking DOS apps should cause crashes with DOS in the HMA.

We had bugs reported on this against build 333 before we added the support in the win20.386.

Other areas I know DR-DOS is weak:

- Their disk cache sucks.
- They probably have problems with some national extended programs such as lotus release 3.1 when they're loaded in the HMA.

Should test them with QEMM (there has been talk on their forum that QEMM doesn't support them).

I added philba, tomie, and mikedr to cc line. They may have some good input.

Eric.

> From sergiop Wed Mar 20 16:11:16 1991
> To: ericst; jimia; johnen; terrb
> Cc: bradc; sergiop
> Subject: dr dos compatibility testing
> Date: Tue Mar 20 16:05:26 pdt 1990

DOS Marketing would like to have a second round of dr dos testing done. After speaking with Terri, she mentioned to me that XCAL tested dos 5 in a networked environment with dos and windows apps.

I would like to have a similar test done with dr dos 5. This way we can see how dr dos and dos 5 compare under the same environment.

While XCAL did an extensive study of dos 5 using a variety of apps

I think we might want to take a subset of those apps for dr dos. This would keep the costs down but still compare apples to apples.

Here is where I need your help. I want to come up with a list of those apps that we think are best suited to test with dri. I want dri tested with networking software, a memory manager, dos and win apps and anything else you can think of that might raise some degree of incompatibility.

FYI, our Windows PSS people are receiving calls reporting problems with dr dos and win 3.

In order to tell a strong story we need to expose where dr dos is vulnerable.

Please respond to me on this ASAP so we can have the tests done by xcal as quickly as possible.

Thanks for your input.
Sergio

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From: ericst
To: dosmktg
Cc: doswar
Subject: Some DR-DOS Compatibility problems
Date: Thursday, March 21, 1991 6:15PM

Date: Sat Mar 23 12:53:40 1991

FYI: Here is some email from the DR-FORUM:

#: 1984 S2/DRDOS
18-Mar-91 20:19:29
Sb: #DRDOS cold boot/net ?
Fm: Chris Young 76430,1665
To: ALL

To ALL:

I have recently "upgraded" to DR DOS 5.0. I have found it useful for many things (I can load up my 286 with a disk cache and vdisk and still have 620K low memory left), but have two glaring problems that I need to resolve before I can start recommending it with use with a product I have developed.

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