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In order to serve our Windows customers properly, we are going to warn them if they setup Windows or run MSD on systems not using MS-DOS. Aaronr is developing a piece of code which checks for the absense of MS-DOS, philba is working with him.

In MSD, you must replace you current MS-DOS detection code with this code. You will need to retain the code that determines the version number of MS-DOS once it's determined that MS-DOS is present. This effects MSD in 3 places:
a) startup time, b) OS version summary c) OS version details.
I imagine you will only run the detection code once, at start up time.

a. At start up time

If the absense of MS-DOS is detected, you must post the following message before displaying the actual MSD screen:

MSD has detected that the operating system software running on this machine is not MS-DOS. Microsoft Windows was designed to run with MS-DOS versions 3.1 and higher. Windows is tested running on MS-DOS on a vast variety of machine and peripheral configurations (see system requirements and hardware compatibility list for details). Running Microsoft Windows on an operating system other than MS-DOS could cause defective and or unpredictable performance and is at the customer's sole risk."

Press ENTER to stop, C to continue

If the user presses ENTER, this should exit MSD. If the user presses "C", continue to load and display MSD.

b. OS version summary button.

In the summary next to the button, if the absense of MS-DOS is detected, then use the string "non MS-DOS".

c. in the detail screen when you push the button

If the absense of MS-DOS was detected, then use the string "non MS-DOS" again.

d. for the beta

The core of this work needs to be done for the For the Final Beta Release coming up, except that the startup error message should say:

Non-fatal error detected: error #
(Please contact Windows 3.1 beta support)

Press any key to continue...

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have. See philba about getting the code from aaronr and the error #'s shown above for the beta.

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