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Who in your org should we be discussing this with to make sure we have the right number and that the numbers stay stable.

919
From davidcol Mon Nov 11 12:52:44 1991
To: karlst lisacr
Subject: vga i/o port trapping
Cc: winwar
Date: Mon Nov 11 12:52:09 1991

i/o trapping for VGA was suppose to be off in WIN 3.0! We changed this a month or 2 before shipping due to the performance complaints we got. Same should be true for win 3.1.

>From karlst Mon Nov 11 11:24:00 1991
To: lisacr
Cc: winwar
Subject: vga i/o port trapping
Date: Mon Nov 11 10:51:10 1991

Currently, pif files default to turning on io trapping for vga's. Ric hp thinks we should default to off. It's a significant performance win. He asked me if warteam ever made a decision on this, I don't recall we ever discussed it. Do you?

920
From mackm Mon Nov 11 13:09:59 1991
To: bradc bradsi marionj richf tomle
Cc: bens dosmktg ericst johnpa raype richf
Subject: RE: MS-DOS 5.1: Strawman
Date: Mon Nov 11 14:11:57 PDT 1991

I agree that DR/Novell is a serious threat. I am not nearly as worried about DR DOS 6.0 as I am their next product. MS DOS 5.1 would not help us against DR/Novell's follow-on product. There is no free lunch -- the release you propose would significantly affect DOS 6 content and/or schedule. I believe that there may in fact be a need for a marketing response to DR pre MS DOS 6. We will meet with Bradsi and Bradc as soon as they return to discuss our options and

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their impacts. Until then, I want my team to remain 100% focused on shipping DOS 5.0a and ramping up on 6.0.

--mackm

| >From richf Mon Nov 11 08:13:02 1991
| To: bradc bradsi mackm marionj tomle
| Cc: dosmktg ericst richf
| Subject: MS-DOS 5.1: Strawman

| Date: Mon Nov 11 09:11:51 PDT 1991

| Consensus is rapidly forming that we're going to need a 5.1. It should

| not, however, be looked on as a burden, but rather as an opportunity

| MS-DOS 5.1 would have these objectives:

- | * Re-energize Upgrade sales at retail
- | * Generate 300,000 5.0 to 5.1 regbase Updates at \$20-\$25/per
- | * Buy time for MS-DOS 6

| To get the ball rolling, I propose the following MS-DOS 5.1 strawman

| CREDO

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| Maximal market impact; minimal internal impact

| TIMING

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| Ship OAK and announce simultaneous with Win 3.1 in early April. Ship

| Upgrades to channel within 30 days.

| 5 COMMANDMENTS OF MS-DOS 5.1

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| 1. Thou shall not touch any file in MS-DOS 5.0a, with these exceptions:

- | * Setup must be modified to expand in new files
- | * Other files may be modified only to fix bugs that arise from interactions with the new features

| 2. Thou shall not feature-enhance any file in MS-DOS 5.0a

| 3. Thou shall not modify the User's Guide, with these exceptions:

- | * Document new features
- | * Put on a diet (examples: Chs. 1 & 2, Edlin, Debug)

| 4. Thou shall slim down Getting Started and modify as necessary

| 5. Thou shall update the box

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| MS-DOS 5.1 - What's New  
| =====  
| * Stacker  
| * Interlink  
| * Smartdrive 4  
| * MSD  
  
| MS-DOS 5.1 - What could be new  
| =====  
| * On-line documentation  
| * Hot yet small QB applet (calculator?)  
| * Screen saver  
  
| MS-DOS 5.1 - What's out  
| =====  
| * Old Smartdrive  
| * Recover  
| * Tree  
| * Money.bas, remline.bas, nibbles.bas, gorilla.bas  
| * MSHERC.COM  
| * EXE2BIN  
| * The MS-DOS 5 Five minute workout  
  
| Comments welcome. Thanks.
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##### 921  
From lisacr Mon Nov 11 13:22:22 1991  
To: karlst philba  
Cc: winwar  
Subject: Re: vga i/o port trapping  
Date: Mon, 11 Nov 91 12:54:50 PST
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I didn't find any reference to this in war team summaries or in mail submitted to winwar. Perhaps this was a performance issue discussed separately from winwar.

What is the risk factor of doing this so close to beta?

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| >From philba Mon Nov 11 10:57:53 1991  
| To: karlst lisacr  
| Cc: winwar  
| Subject: Re: vga i/o port trapping  
| Date: Mon, 11 Nov 91 10:57:21 PST  
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| I thought we did a really long time ago. Rich is right -- trapping

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