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Subject:

RE: MS-DOS DPMI extensions

Date:

Monday, May 04, 1992 10:41PM

We should absolutely NOT document this.

| From: Greg Lowney | To: Brad Silverberg

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|Subject: RE: MS-DOS DPMI extensions |Date: Monday, May 04, 1992 07:50PM

SoftNet makes a limulator. They read in the C7 manual that you can run C7 dos-extended if your limulator supports the MS-DOS extensions to the DPMI specification. So, naturally, they called us to get a spec on

exactly what those extensions are.

Apparently they are not documented. They are not that complicated, mostly just what MS-DOS and BIOS calls we map for the application, and Qualitas had no trouble reverse engineering them. (The new 386MAX was, in beta, able to run KRNL386 from the command line, but I believe they disabled that feature in their final product to avoid stepping on our feet. [386MAX does, of course, support C7.)

This mail is to say that we need an official answer to give people who ask for this specification; we'll make that answer available to the SDK/DDK support groups. Ralph, was the spec distributed to the members of the DPMI committee?

|Should the official answer be "sorry, you'll have to reverse engineer | it (like Qualitas did)"?

| > From ralph! Mon May 4 17:46:01 1992

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[[NO! This is an extremely sensitive matter since it basically tells

| ISVs (AKA DR-DOS and IBM) how to run standard mode Windows. You need

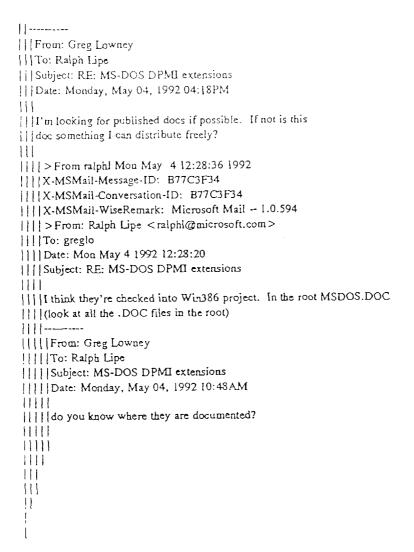
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