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From: David Cole  
To: Greg Lowney; Brad Silverberg  
Cc: Denis Gilbert; Ralph Lipe; Thomas Lennon  
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  
| Cc: David Cole; Denis Gilbert; Ralph Lipe; Thomas Lennon  
| 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: ralphl Mon May 4 17:46:01 1992  
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|| > From: Ralph Lipe <ralphl@microsoft.com>  
|| To: greglo  
|| Date: Mon May 4 1992 17:45:19  
|| Subject: RE: MS-DOS DPMI extensions

|| 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  
|| to clear it with BradSi before distributing it.

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|||From: Greg Lowney  
|||To: Ralph Lipe  
|||Subject: RE: MS-DOS DPMI extensions  
|||Date: Monday, May 04, 1992 04:18PM  
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|||I'm looking for published docs if possible. If not is this  
|||doc something I can distribute freely?  
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|||>From ralphl Mon May 4 12:28:36 1992  
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|||I think they're checked into Win386 project. In the root MSDOS.DOC  
|||(look at all the .DOC files in the root)  
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|||From: Greg Lowney  
|||To: Ralph Lipe  
|||Subject: MS-DOS DPMI extensions  
|||Date: Monday, May 04, 1992 10:48AM  
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|||do you know where they are documented?  

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