we care about). The n10 and the sparc arent the same. The programs
we run and the funny whetstone type stuff are not the same. Please
educate me (serious).

From billg Sun Aug 14 22:56:34 1988
To: adriank jeffh jonl neilk petern philba russw steveb stevewo
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I have asked Steve to pick a few people to look into the idea laid out
below. We are definetly going to investigate this idea thoroughly
since its benefits would be so great for us.

The idea is a very old one - not at all original - that is to run windows
binaries on Os/2. We left this idea when our work with IBM made PM
quite different from windows. People might ask what is driving me back
to this idea.
-os/2 is going to take longer to succeed that we expected.
- the fragmentation we are causing by having windows and Pm be different
is' causing both of them to move much more slowly to achieveing critical
mass - giving character mode years of extra life, possible dooming windowsd
to a limited role and giving UNIX a good chance to overshine os/2 even
on the 386. ISV's are really going nuts.
- DavidW has recently demoed as a version of win-386 (actually 286 also!)
that runs in protect mode - including the applications. We will
definetly merchanise this as win-386 v3.0. In fact we are looking at
releasing this enhancement before any of the other win-386 stuff. We might
be able to get it out as early as january. This of course relieve a lot
of the memory limitations and kludges. (it does not have an extened api
although our screen drivers will be special cased for this environment).
- windows does have a good chance to be mainstream. We think we will get
IBM to bundle it with some 286 machines. 386s are becoming popular faster
than expected. Our apps and other peoples will ship in the next 12 months.
- the ideal would be to do windows apps for 8086/286/win386 and pm specific
apps to TAKE advantage of os2-386/pm. Just doing ported apps is not making
the extra PM work look great like it should.
-our layer work and micrographix suggest something can be done.
-we absoultely have to do one of the very hard parts anyway - that is
something that can take a windows metafile and execute it faithfully under
pm including building a pm metafile.
- this would test a lot of PM very well.
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The benefits are incredible. I know it would be techinically difficuly and
might involve - adding to pm or restricting the windows app or something
like that but we can do those things where necessary.

I am very excited about this allowing us to really get going with ISV's
on our strategy. People cant believe we dont have something like this
already frankly.

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