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#### Introduction

Our main objective is to get DOS 5.0 and Windows on as many machines as possible. To facilitate this, a product will be developed which installs both DOS 5.0 and Windows 3.0.

This specification describes some alternate implementations for a single DOS/WIN product which includes a single setup for both DOS and Windows. The main work in this product will be development of the installation program, and adjusting product documentation to be consistent with the DOS 5/Win 3 environment.

The following approaches are discussed:

Slick Approach

lonegrate the two installs, merging the setup screens and making it appear as one single setup program. Support uninstall of DOS, and support installing either Windows or DOS separately.

Rejected Slick

Enhancements

Several enhancements to the Slick approach were considered, but rejected. These are discussed in this

section.

Hack Approach

Run DOS 5.0 setup to completion, then reboot and run

Windows Semp to completion.

Each of these is described in more detail below. The Hack approach has been ruled out since it is only slightly better than just sticking the boxes together.

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### Slick Alternative

The Slick approach involves merging the DOS Setup functionality into the Windows setup program. Uninstall of DOS is supported, as is install of DOS/Windows separately. In addition, all existing DOS Setup switches are supported when installing only DOS. and the same is true when installing only Windows.

# Changes to DOS 5.0 Only Setup

The following changes to DOS 5.0 Setup will be implemented (these effect DOS 5.0 Setup when user chooses DOS only option):

- DOS 5.0 Setup will be modified to support a new switch, fi, which disables Scrup's video desection. This option is intended for systems on which DOS setup doesn't work. It will allow users to complete installation.
- Final message in DOS 5.0 Setup will say something like:

"MS-DOS 5.0 Setup is complete. Press any key to reboot your system. To install Windows, run Semp after restarting your system and choose the "Only install Windows\* option.

## Processing Narrative for Slick Approach

The Slick setup proceeds as follows:

- If DOS 3.1 or later, Scrup displays merged DOS/Win welcome screen, with following choices:
  - Install DOS and Windows
  - Install DOS Only
  - Install Windows Only

If the user chooses Install DOS Only, the existing DOS 5.0 Setup is spawned. If they choose install Windows only, the existing Windows Semp is completed. The rest of this processing narrative discusses what happens if they choose both.



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# If DOS 2.11-3.0, DOS prints a message something like:

"Windows Setup requires DOS 3.1 or later. To install Windows, you need to install DOS 5.0 and then install Windows. To do this, choose "Install MS-DOS 5.0°. Then after your restart your system with MS-DOS 5.0, run Setup again to install Windows"

Install MS-DOS 5.0 Exit Sctup

If the user Chooses Install MS-DOS 5.0, the DOS 5.0 Setup program is spawned.

DOS Network warning screen with Windows Network choice integrated. 2) Something like:

"network warning stuff (from DOS 5.0)"

Network: User chooses network - Setup defaults to whatever is detected.

Continue Semp Exit Setup

(After user sets network, they select either Constitute or Exit Setup)

The Network the equivalent of the line in the Windows 3.0 Setup System Info screen.

If no network is detected, the default action is Continue Setup. If ANY network is detected, the default action is to Exit Setup.

- Offer the user the option of backing up their hard disk. If they choose yes, run 3) HDBACKUP.
- The Sysinfo screen. This is identical to the Windows 3.0 System info screen, 4) except for the following changes:
  - Add field for Windows directory
  - Add field for DOS Directory (Setup will not accept any driver other than C. for DOS Secup - It MUST be obvious to the user that they cannot change the C:, as this is a common complaint about DOS 5.0 Secup; Windows can be put anywhere).
- Enough files are copies to HD to start windows 5)

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Philips wanted an option to avoid this screen and just take the Windows defaults. Do we want to do this? Perhaps we could make this an option on the first acroca.

- User gets option dialog with checkboxes for: 6)
  - viewing readme files,
    - scrup printers
  - setup applications. . (This is identical to Win 3.0).
  - User gets gas gauge while the files are copied to the HD. Setup proceeds as windows 3.0 does until it gets to the end of windows setup:
    - Gas gauge till all files copied. This will be the same as when installing Win 3.0, except that the user will be prompted for an uninstall disk.

If user interupts (by rebooning, power off, etc.) Setup prior to the start of copying the DOS files, they will have part of Windows on their disk, with their old DOS. If they interopt Setup during DOS files (eg after the master boot record is written), they will get the "DOS installation incomplete - insert the uninstall disk" message. Then they will get the option of continuing Setup or uninstalling the DOS.

- Printer Setup
- Ask user about Config.sys/Autoexec adjustments:2
  - Accept changes to System files?
    - View/Edit changes to System files?

And a check box at the bottom saying "Run Windows on System Startup?"3

- application semp
- Setup displays message saying Setup is complete press any key to rebook4 8)

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This is a change from the processing order of DOS 5.0 apgrade. DOS 5.0 apgrade modifies the system files prior to copying the files to the HD.

Reboot is required since their HD may have changed. This is different from Win 3.0 in that they Default will be YES. also offer options to restart windows and to exit to DOS.

Requires Windows GUI developer to implement

Cons

User gets to Win GUI quickly

Product appears to be a single integrated product

Some common complaints with DOS 5.0 Setup are addressed: view readme, control of config/autoexec modification.

Supports installation over the network without user intervention.

Requires DOS 3.1 to run setup for both (since Windows setup needs 3.1 to run). However, DOS 211-3.0 can be updated by running DOS semp, then Windows.

May be harder to differentiate between DOS/Windows semp problems since both DOS and Windows are put on the system at the same time.

Schedule Estimate for Slick approach<sup>5</sup>

DOS Development: 8 weeks, (plus 1 day for h switch) of Johnhe, or 5 weeks (plus I day fro h switch) of Johane and, 5 weeks of Davebe or Daviddi full time then 20% for duration of

If Win 3.0 is used, 2 days will be needed to incorporate the following problem fixes into Setup:

- Multiple Ctl-Z at end of WIN INI causes crash
- Save com port semings during mouse detection 1) 2)
- Oliveni M86 keyboard crash 3)

Philba feels we shoudn't fix fix the following problems (Johnen agrees since he doesn't want to fix any of the 5 if avoidable; Eriest thinks we should understand 4) better before blowing it off):

- "SYSTEM." file in Windows directory causes 4) upgrade crash
- SSTOR SYS describe in SWAPFILE 5)

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Work efforts are developer estimates, assuming 40 hour weeks with a Leave me alone mandate". That is, they will refuse to do any other work which will trapact this deliverable.

Longer duration accounts for communication inefficiencies and learning curve of new developer.

week 3 if doing 5 week development approach)

I week of a Test SDE to develop test plan.

1 day/wk of builder

Pre-Beta Test

2 Weeks (3 SDEs)

Beta: Final Test 5 weck? 1 week

User Ed:

Rewrite Getting Started (to incorporate Win Q&A, Win text files, etc.):

2 Months of a Technical Writer,

6 weeks of an Editor

Review Serup Serup Screens:

I week of Technical writer

I week of editor.

Review DOS/Windows documentation to ensure that they are consistent with a mer ged product (disk numbers are correct, EMM386 description, etc):

I week of Technical Writer.

Program Managment: I program manager full time for 3 weeks to spec/plan, then 50% for duration. Also,

Bctz:

The following resource requirements assume we have an 800 site beta program with 4 shipments (200/wk), each shipment a week

1 Program manager (100% for 8 weeks prior to beta - 75% from beta start till RTM). This person will coordinate both domestic and international beta, will sign up sizes, coordinate call downs, hire/manage temps, etc.

1 Tech support technician for 8 weeks (3 weeks prior to beta to get up to speed on issues, then for duration of beta to support

I admin for 14 weeks (8 weeks before been till end of beta) I admin for 9 weeks (4 weeks before beta plus first 5 weeks of beta period)

Estimate for DOS development allows for time spent fixing problems throughout development. Assumption is that testing is ongoing during development. Upon completion of development, beta candidate will be built

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This 5 week period should accommodate 4 weekly bees shipments (allowing 2 weeks to collect information after each beta shipment). Beta sest is only testing Scurp. Once user has installed and system is working, no further bets testing is required for this product. It should be easy to got bota tenters by selling them they will have golden DOS 5/Win 3 after justall is complete.

Slick will be based on DOS 5.0 and Windows 3.0.

We will examine the possibility of incorporating better network detection into Setup, but at this time it is not in the plan.

3-rd party disk stuff, Windows Q&A, will be moved from the Readme to the Getting Started Guide.

Media is: 1.2Meg and 1.44Meg. The schedule above assumes we are doing none of the enhancements described later in

Development estimates assume developers have a mandate that this is their only priority, eg they refuse to accept any other work which may impact this schedule.

DOS Error messages will not be incorporated into DOS User Guide, even though the error message documentation will be complete in time to do this (work estimate is Imonth of a tech writer plus 2 weeks of an editor). Reason for not doing is international schedule impact.

We will not merge the readme's. We need to still support DOS only and Windows only setup. We will need to address problem that both products have file called READMETXT. One way to do this is to create README\_W.TXT and README\_D.TXT. Then we just describe the available readme files in the READMETXT file.

### Issues/Risks with Slick Approach

We may wish to revisit the Setup messages after DOS 5.0 has shipped (when we have some input from PSS on what is causing calls).

#### 8514 Support

At a minimum, we will ship 8514 files and have an 8514 option for display. However, we may not autodetect \$514 (eg we'd detect VGAMono).

IBM believes they have a fix for the \$514 detection which is compatible with the ARCNET cards. We will be getting this code from them. If it appears to be a reasonable approach, we will implement it in Slick (and DOS Only Scrup - code can be bypassed with h switch). Our fallback if this is a problem would be to remove the desection code and just add a choice for \$514 w/o detecting it.

Note: Test plan should explicitly address how mods for \$514 will be tested.

Bernouli hooks (used in DOS 5.0 serup) have never been sessed under windows.

There is risk - we don't think it will be a problem, but it has never been tested. The Bernouli code in DOS 5.0 Serup hooks INT 13.

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What languages do we intend to ship in?

I assume we'd want this to be international. Windows setup has not been DBCS enabled. We will involve IPG as soon as the becomes an official project.

Do we want new Doc Covers (windows are blue, DOS are grey)?

### Rejected Slick Enhancements

This section describes some enhancements to the Slick approach described above which were discussed, but rejected in order to get the product out.

# Install DOS to Drive other than C: and Optional Uninstall

Two of the more common complaints about DOS 5.0 Setup are that it forces install to C., and that the user must create the Uninstall disk. These two items are related since the reason C is forced is that we cannot guarantee that any other drive will be accessible under DOS 5.0 (and Uninstall runs under DOS 5.0).

Disabling Uninstall will also cause Serup to not touch the master boot record.

Implementation of this feature involves the following:

Add switch to Setup to disable uninstall

Allow user to specify drive letter for DOS directory.

If user chooses drive other than C: and "disable uninstall" switch was not specified, display a message something like:

"Warning: Uninstall will be disabled if you setup to a drive other than C:"

<a href="#">Accept Drive other than C:></a> Adjust Drive Letter> Default action will be "Adjust Drive Lener"

Schedule estimate:

DOS Development: 4 [5] days including 2 [2.5] days to examine existing setup

code for uninstall dependencies.

Win Development

Testi

1 [1.2] days 1 week

### DOS Only Setup Installation of DOS Mouse driver

Windows Setup detects whether an MS DOS mouse driver is installed and then installs an updated mouse driver if one is found. Support for installation of the mouse driver in DOS Setup would mean adding a line for mouse (similar to the line in the Windows

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Work Estimate:

DOS Development: 4 [5] days

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1 week

# Automatic Config Changes For 3-Rd Party Disk Drivers

This would simply setup of DOS for users who utilize Disk Manager and Speedstor. It would work as follows: Enhancement to disable uninstall is also required if we are to support fully hands-off installation over the network

Setup detects a DM (or Speedstor partition)

Setup checks Config. sys for the disk device driver. If it sees the 2) appropriate file, it offers the user a dialog something like:

"Setup has detected an older version of Disk Manager disk partitioning software. A newer version of this Disk Manager is required for MS-DOS 5.0. The necessary file is included in MS-DOS 5.0. If you wish, Setup can put these files on your hard disk and modify CONFIG.SYS to use the newer file.

Note: the new Disk Manager file is compatible with versions of DOS 3.??? through 5.0. However, once you use this version of the driver, you must commue to use it, even if you go back to your older version of DOS.

<Make Config.sys adjustments and continue setup> <Exit Setup>

The default action will be to make the adjustments.

If Setup doesn't see the disk device driver in CONFIG.SYS, it displays a warning to the user saying that it has detected and incompatible partition and points the user to the readme.

Work Estimates:

DOS Development: 1 [1.2] week plus whatever problems crop up.

Test:

1 week

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### Support for Setup Scripts

Support a switch on Setup which specifies a script file for Setup to use. This would allow for hands off installation of DOS/Windows. Since this is a planned feature of Windows 3.1, the esamates to support in Slick vary depending on which version of Windows is used:

2 [2.5] days DOS Development 2 [2.5] days Win Development (assume Win 3.1): 1 week Test

Win Development (assume win 3.0):

2 [2.5] weeks Feels this is too risky to try.

Test

# Incorporate DOS Error Message Descriptions into DOS User's Guide

The documentation of the DOS error messages is already underway. It should be completed in July. We could add these as appendix to the DOS User's Guide.

Work Estimates:

Editor: 3 days

Translation: TBD (This would be new text to localize).

#### Automatic Update of Network Files

More thought on this is required prior to an estimate. We believe that the amount of development will be on the order of a month, but that there will need to be around a month of research to determine how to detect the different networks before we can produce a reliable estimate for the amount of work here.

## Automatic Configuration to use Upper Memory Blocks

Slick setup could adjust config.sys to wilize upper memory on 386 machines. There are potentially a lot of issues with this one however. It will require further thought before a schedule estimate can be provided.

## Setup in (install user only stuff to Network dir) Support

There are some issues with this. For example, which files must be put on the hard disk? All files which are used before starting the network must be put on the local drive. We have no way of knowing where the network is started.

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MS98 0181564 CONFIDENTIAL One option would be to support a Nifile option where file contains a list of files which need to be installed on the fixed disk

This one needs to be thought through more carefully prior to estimating, if we wish to pursue it

# Improved Error Messages from DOS Setup

There are several messages in the DOS Setup which could be improved. For example, the message for invalid media doesn't specify which drive has the problem. Although it is non-trivial, it is possible to detect the drive letter of the offending drive.

Error message improvements are an open ended area. Schedule assessment depends on which messages are addressed.

#### Hack Alternative

The Hack approach is to modify the DOS 5.0 Setup to cause windows setup to be invoked after DOS 5.0 installation has rebooted the system. The biggest issue with this approach is that the network disappears when DOS 5.0 Setup reboots the system. We do not know of any good work around for this, and thus have decided to not investigate this approach any further than what is provided below.

## Processing Narrative for Hack Approach

The hack approach works as follows:

DOS 5.0 setup is run.to completion.

- When DOS 5.0 Setup is complete, it makes the following additional adjustments: 1) 2)
  - Adds line to Autoexec but to invoke "How to continue message"
  - Creates a batch file, C'SETUP2.BAT, to invoke windows setup b)

- System boots and first line in Antoexee is the "how to continue message" which 3) 4) works something like this:
  - Prints: a)

DOS 5.0 is now installed on your system. To complete the installation of DOS/Windows, do the following:

- Start your network, using the command you 1) normally use to start your network.
- Type c:\SETUP2 and press enter

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- b) Returns user to DOS prompt. At this point, the user must start their network and run CASETUP2.
- 5) SETUP2 prompts the user to insert Disk N (which contains windows setup).
  When the user does this, Setup2 bat invokes the Windows setup program.

### Pros/Cons of Hack Approach

While this approach sounds ugly, it does have some benefits. The following table shows the pros and cons:

the plos and color	Cons
Pros	Only slightly better than just sticking the
Easy to develop/test (requires no changes to Windows setup)	boxes together. User must manually start their network after DOS portion completes, then restart Setup.
Easy to support setup of only DOS or	
only Windows (Win only is important for PSS).	Complicates semp over network (requires user to manually start network after DOS
Works with DOS 211 or later	5.0 is booted)
Setup/M & Setup/F for DOS	Obviously not a single product.
Easy to allow user to setup DOS w/o setting up Windows and vice versa.	

# Detailed Description of DOS Setup Development Effort for Slick Implementation.

The following changes to DOS Setup (from Johnhe) will need to be completed to implement slick:

- Joint effort with Windows developer to develop a detailed specification of new combined program code flow and interface points/design.
- Convert original setup code to allow it to use small/medium memory model C run-time library calls. Approximately 15 major source file conversions plus 146 smaller library module source files.
- Creare a user interface adaptation layer to replace all of the DOS Setup program's
  generic user interface functions with similar functions using the Window's Setup
  character mode interfaces. Isolate all warning and error messages needed by the
  new character mode portion of the combined Setup.

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- Isolate and convert all needed DOS Scrup messages into resources which are useable by the Window's GUI Setup.
- Convert DOS Serup initialization code to obtain hardware information along with command line switch information from the Windows Setup detection code via function arguments.
- Port DOS Setup hard disk detection /validation and warning code to Windows character mode module.
- Rework all DOS Setup code which deals with copying the DOS files so that it
  will use the Windows Setup file copy functions. Also need to handle the case
  where files are renamed as they are copied such as with the DOS. Shell
  configuration dependent files.
- 8. Port code which creates the Uninstal I Disk. Will require loss of work because Window's Setup does not allow drive A: to A: file copying. Also need to deal with file names which need to change as they are copied to the Uninstal disk.
- Port code from DOS Setup for formatting and validating floppy disks (needed for creating the Uninstall disk).
- Port code for creating/updating config.sys and autoexector files. Also some changes to allow accessing the original copies of the files if they existed.
- Port DOS Setup OEM database searching/extraction code to work in both the Window's GUI and character mode Setup programs.
- 12. Port DOS Setup hard disk fix-up code to the Windows GUI Setup.
- New packet passing code to pass information from the character mode Setup to the GUI mode Setup which is required by the DOS upgrade code.
- 14. There may be changes needed in the DOS 5.0 Uninstal program which will not be realized until a finial code design is complete.

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