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To: bradc; w-pamed
Cc: lizsi; w-pamed
Subject: Re: win 3.1 beta
Date: Thu, Nov 7, 1991 12:11PM

Date: Thu, 07 Nov 91 12:12:01 PST

we are not giving them the beta. we don't give the beta to os competitors. nor to apple or sun, who have also requested it. they are not isv's developing applications for windows. we have never received their betas.

mikechal, steveb, and billg are all aware of this and agree.

> From w-pamed Thu Nov 7 11:12:28 1991
To: bradc bradsi
Subject: win 3.1 beta
Cc: lizsi w-pamed
Date: Thu Nov 7 10:33:51 1991

if you are NOT sending dri the win3.1 beta or not giving them access that other developers have then we will have a HUGE HUGE major pr problem on our hands
we cant go out and claim we are only trying to help customers and then trash dri....even if we do it in a devious and smart way and then have the press find out that ms has been cheating and lying say it isnt sowe will have ZERO credabilty with the press

From: bradc
To: lizsi; twg
Cc: bradc; bradsi; dosmktg
Subject: DR DOS CompuServe
Date: Fri, Nov 8, 1991 2:43PM

Date: Fri Nov 08 14:41:51 PDT 1991

below you will find a selection of compuserve quotes from the dri forum over the last nine or so days. Some comments:

- * some of the users on the dr dos forum are dr dos bigots
- * others like the product
- * others have basic questions
- * others are having serious problems

some messages on the more serious problems are below. Note that:

- * this is a short list - any editor who got on the forum who see a lot more
- * many of the messages relate to disk compression - at least 6 people seemed to lose data in 6 working days (8 days total). Keep in mind that compuserve is a small portion of our support

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inquiries - i am sure the same is true for dr.

* One vehement message not to use dr dos with pc tools and that is a very poorly tested product

* another person having trouble with wordperfect and the cache

* and finally i note with amazing irony that the Digital sysop admits to that sstor (the disk compression product) can only only be run on a client machine on a NetWare Lite network. Keep in mind that NetWare Lite is a peer to peer network where everyone wants to run as both a client and server. The sysop admits that they found this problem DURING THE BETA. They did not fix this but proceeded to bundle DR DOS with the first 50K copies of Netware Lite. simply astonishing.

#: 16203 S2/DRDOS6

07-Nov-91 18:31:17

Sb: PS2 L40SX and emm386.sys

Fm: Mark A Szymanski 70363,3206

To: ALL

As I reported in a previous message, I had a problem using the DRDOS setup program with my IBM L40SX PS2 (notebook), I believe I answered all the questions appropriately. The problem was apparent when I tried to start windows - it locked up on the initial "windows" screen. After many hours of frustrating reading I found a solution - I copied MS-DOS 5.0's himem.sys and smartdrv.sys to my disk and NOW USE THAT! Himem has a switch "/M:2" especially for PS2s that has something to do with the "A20 handle". When using DRDOS's EMM386.SYS I got a warning "Address A20 Already enabled" that probably was my problem. I would like to use 100% DRDOS, and be able to recommend it. Why do I have to be a memory management fanatic to do this? Is there a simple solution or do I have to reboot my computer 4,234 times to find out? How can I be sure I got it right??!!

#: 16130 S1/ASK THE SYSOP

07-Nov-91 11:53:40

Sb: #Big error with sstor

Fm: Sid Atwood 71370,2211

To: sysop (X)

Help!!! I just installed DRDOS 6.0, I used chkdsk /f on the disk. I tried to use sstor.exe on the disk. Everything went well until I got into the middle of the defragmentation. The machine found a physical error and would not proceed, I excaped, it rebooted, and now I cannot access the compressed partition.

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What should I do? Oh Wee!!! ?exit

There is 1 Reply.

#: 15990 S2/DRDOS6

06-Nov-91 11:53:51

Sb: Wrđ Perf 5.0

Fm: Judge Frazier 72057,2530

To: sysop (X)

DRDOS 6.0 installed easily on an AST 286 with 2M of memory. Virtually all the use of this machine is in a C programming environment running compilers and linkers. Super PC-Kwik is not loaded on startup. There have been no conflicts or problems. On two occasions I loaded SUPERPCK from the command line prior to running Word Perfect 5.0. WP ran normally for a while then suddenly crashed and the computer warm booted. The active file, which should be periodically written to a temporary file from memory, showed 0 bytes. In other words, all the changes to the files were lost. This only happens when PC-Kwik is loaded. Any clues?

Tnx . . . Judge

#: 15984 S2/DRDOS6

06-Nov-91 11:12:21

Sb: #pctools

Fm: charlton pettus 76317,552

To: 70523,104 (X)

To anyone interested in DRDOS 6.0 who uses pctools, a word of advice: JUST SAY NO...don't do it The two products are oil and water on a 286. they will trash your hard drive and make your life a living hell and nary a soul at DR will help you. If you are foolish enough to call them for assistance they will tell you the programs are compatible. They are not. Central Point will at least concede that there is no promise of compatibility. DR's lack of interest or attention on the subject of compatibility with a program whose use is as widespread as pctools is, for the makers of what purports to be an alternative to ms dos, negligent and hubristic. Only righteous consumer indignation will persuade DR to make a modicum of effort to bring their product up to an acceptable level of compatibility so if you use pctools or ever plan

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to and are attracted to some of the hypothetical benefits of
drdos, complain, and save yourself an
enormous headache by not purchasing the product until it is
relatively functional. A defective piece of
software is annoying enough but if it is your operating system it
transcends mere annoyance and
becomes, as the judge said, kafkaesque. Appealing to the closet
Naderite in all of us, if you want what
promises to be a useful piece of programming to be duly corrected,
speak up with your modems and
checkbooks. charlton pettus

#: 15896 S2/DRDOS6
05-Nov-91 14:22:48
Sb: #15883-SSTOR & NWLITE
Fm: Steve McNabb DRI 76703,615
To: Jeff Urlwin 70702,1266

Jeff- Got the poop. scoop. During Beta testing, it was discovered
that the SERVER/CLIENT combination
caused problems on a drive that had been compressed with SSTOR.
You should be fine with either
SERVER, or CLIENT, but not both, for now. Engineering was/is
investigating problem with ADDSTOR
I am sure.

Steve..

#: 15893 S2/DRDOS6
05-Nov-91 14:07:11
Sb: #15785-SSTOR & NWLITE
Fm: STEVE HOLLEY 76703,4156
To: Jeff Urlwin 70702,1266

Jeff Urlwin,

Sstor can be used on the client only when using NWlite. I don't
know why this is so you would have to
check with novell support for more info. on the specifics about it.

Steve H.

#: 15845 S2/DRDOS6
05-Nov-91 11:22:23
Sb: #15579-Zenith 286LP & DR DOS 6
Fm: Steve McNabb DRI 76703,615
To: Wally Wallace 70470,37

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