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From asaron Fri Dec 6 10:25:45 1991  
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Cc: marcw  
Subject: Re: mados detection - hot job for you  
Date: Wed Feb 24 08:11:30 PDT 1993

Yesterday it was decided to do this detection and display the message if appropriate everytime we run windows. Aaron has some code that you add to win.com -

**One question that you need to answer for sandeeps:**

**Is this a Prompt message or a Banner message?**

In **KDMEM** and **STARTDEV** the message is a Banner message, they don't stop, they just display the message and go on.

In SETUP and MSD the message is a prompt message:

```
Non-fatal error detected; .error xxxx
(Please contact Windows 3.1 beta support)
Press ENTER to exit or C to continue ... <<<<<*****
```

Which form for WIN.COM? Also, what is the exact message text?  
For MSD the exact message is:

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Non-fatal error detected: error 5178  
(Please contact Windows 3.1 beta support)  
Press ENTER to exit or C to continue ...

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Sandeeps here is the 'spec' .

This is a NEAR proc that you call, so inside your code segment you do:

```
Extern      IsMsDos:near
```

This routine takes no arguments, it modifies flags and ONE BIT of the AX register:

```
call      IsMsDos
test      ax,2000h
jnz       This_Is_MSXDOS
```

NOTES:

Do not try and trace into this routine, you will die.

Try to obscure as much as possible:

The code that makes this call and the code which prints the message based on the result are "well separated".

The bit that is set, and the bit that is looked at by the message guy are different bits.

The bit that controls the message is stored in a variable that is touched, read written, ALL OVER THE PLACE.

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