

Brief review: This version is a VAST improvement over 1.167F, the last EEP beta. It seems to be fairly useable, although certainly not of ship quality. Performance is much better, it seems to crash more on the order of once per day rather than once per 15 minutes like 1.167F. Also, it shows some "in process" work on the Workplace Shell responding to lots of negative feedback on certain "features," such as the fact that in 167 minimized apps disappeared completely, and it was impossible to start a second instance of a program from an icon in the WPS. The WPS is still pretty darn inscrutable, not to mention ineffable, but most OS/2 bigots [claim to] love it.

This version is still lacking at least two MAJOR pieces of promised functionality — the 32-bit GRE (graphic engine) and "seamless Windows" support — i.e., Windows apps on the PM desktop.

— Mark

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From bradsi Mon Jan 13 17:19:12 1992
To: richt w-clairl
Cc: jonl
Subject: Re: Windows 3.1 reach
Date: Mon, 13 Jan 92 17:19:11 PST

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>From w-clairl Mon Jan 13 17:16:43 1992
To: bradsi richt
Subject: Windows 3.1 reach
Cc: jonl
Date: Mon Jan 13 17:12:17 1992

is really quite amazing these days!

>From cherij Mon Jan 13 14:09:33 1992
To: w-clairl
Cc: pradmin
Subject: windows 3.1
Date: Mon Jan 13 14:08:53 PDT 1992

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called and wanted 3.1 - what are we telling people with this type of request now?

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From bradsi Mon Jan 13 18:14:41 1992
To: w-clairl
Cc: w-clairl
Subject: Re: PC World DR DOS 6 story—urgent
Date: Mon, 13 Jan 92 18:14:39 PST

hey, if you can come up with a great angle to put them on the defensive, I'm open. I haven't come up with one myself.

you're right, this isn't little dri, it's big novell.

i don't have specifics on the ihm, novell/dri, borland relationship, except a good friend who is well connected keeps warning me that they are up to no good and out to bury us.

we are going to take some lumps. but really, what is the justification for us to work with a competitor? why would someone really think we should do this? we are not the government, we are a business.

>From w-clairl Mon Jan 13 17:45:50 1992
To: bradsi
Subject: Re: PC World DR DOS 6 story—urgent
Cc: w-clairl

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Date: Mon Jan 13 17:38:13 1992

ok i'm not one for beating dead horses or even live ones, so we will continue to stand by our view that a competitor is a competitor is a competitor. and take our lumps as editors juxtapose the little guys against the big guys (though you pointing out that its no longer little dri against me but novell which stands up nicely on its own thank you very much.) and what is this about a novell, dri, ibm and borland windows clone? god, what wil ibm cook up next in its fruitless quest for os heaven.

>From bradsi Sun Jan 12 16:12:28 1992

To: w-clairl

Cc: w-clairl

Subject: Re: PC World DR DOS 6 story—urgent

Date: Sun, 12 Jan 92 16:08:59 PST

but why would we want to exchange code with them? the offer alone would sent a signal that we want to work with their system. further, they could say that a good start to show our sincerity is to work with them to make dr-dos6 work. we would end up putting the monkey on OUR back to make drdos work.

right now, we may seem like uncooperative jerks, but who in their right mind really expects us to cooperate with a direct client os competitor. one which can declared they want to clone windows. you don't put much credence in that, but I do. I've heard enough rumors >from a reliable source to be convinced of (at least the strong possibility) that novell, dri, ibm and borland are working together on a windows clone.

further, our lack of cooperation also reinforces very strongly to anyone who wants to adopt dr-dos that they could be SOL.

if you can think of a more subtle approach, I am open.

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From bradsi Mon Jan 13 18:16:43 1992

To: w-clairl

Cc: w-clairl

Subject: Re: Paul Sherer running Beta .58

Date: Mon, 13 Jan 92 18:16:43 PST

got it. besides, if you read the current pc week, they already have beta3.

i do believe, however, that if I gave paul the beta and told him not to tell anyone that ms gave it to him, he would. he may be a sneaky guy but he does protect his sources.

most of my conversations with him now are off the record and we get along well.

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From bradsi Mon Jan 13 19:11:12 1992

To: keithla philba

Cc: karlst richp

Subject: comm on cis

Date: Mon, 13 Jan 92 19:11:10 PST

here's another to talk to... i know you guys are working on the problem.

Press <CR> for next or type CHOICES !

#: 37673 S15/COMMUNICATIONS

13-Jan-92 06:47:39

Sb: #Give us a break!

Fm: Arthur Knowles 71041,2613

To: ALL

Hey people lets stop beating a dead horse here. MS Knows about the comm

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