

WordPerfect for Win32

Development Chronology

April 15, 1994

- November 1992: Initial Win32 group started using Windows NT October 1992 beta software as primary development environment.
- Development of WordPerfect for Win32 continued, received beta versions of NT in March 1993, June 1993, and July 1993. Received final release version in August 1993.
- January 1993: Attended Win32 Technical Design preview at Microsoft under Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).
- September 1993: Started initial development on alpha version of Chicago. Received version at the Chicago Technical Design preview in same month. All attendees we given NDAs to sign and received the initial alpha version of Chicago (Microsoft internal version M4). Each attendee was told they are now participants in the complete alpha-beta cycle. Version not stable enough to do serious development. Reported several problems to Microsoft and was told to wait for next release coming in December 1993.
- December 1993: Attended Microsoft Professional Developers Conference. Received the next alpha version of Chicago as a result of attending. All attendees were told they are now part of the wide spread beta program for Chicago and would receive all beta releases during beta program. All attendees were required to sign another NDA to receive the alpha version (Microsoft internal version M5).
- December 1993 - Present: Continued to develop on Windows NT as suggested by Microsoft during the sessions at the Professional Developers Conference in December 1993. Tried development on Chicago version M5 and had limited success. Still too unstable for production development. Waiting for next version which is first beta version (Microsoft internal version M6).
- January-March 1994: Tried doing ground work for Chicago development by trying to get information on User Interface changes and Shell Integration issues from Microsoft. No such information was presented. No one could give us any direction except wait for next release and hope we have some documentation at that time to help. Basic changes to UI were already understood by the WordPerfect programmers but technical issues of implementation were scarce.
- April 1994: Expected to have next version of Chicago by now, already released to select alpha sites (we were supposed to be a part of). Development of WordPerfect for Win32 (Chicago) is seriously impaired because of lack of availability of the latest release (Microsoft internal version M6).

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