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We can definitely wait the 2 weeks. The memory size number for the runtime can be set at the last minute. Everyone can proceed knowing there will be a runtime and we will make it very nice for running excel alone or opus alone but we will try and limit it to that to make the packaged product attractive.

From russw Mon Aug 28 12:02:51 1989  
To: billg jons richab steveb  
Subject: Windows 3 pricing  
Cc: johnsa jonl mikemap paulma petern scotto  
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I also want to keep the price at \$129. bill's issue is the run-time ivs. we are going to tell them that we are discontinuing the windows run-time with version 3.0. his concern is dropping the run-time and raising the retail price simultaneously creates the perception of an hard business risk for those ivs that believe that the additional purchase req'd for the app purchaser is too great ( i.e. going from free to now \$129).

However, we are not dropping the run-time--just not offering a windows 3.0 run-time. since there are almost no apps that cannot still run on windows 2.11, existing run-time ivs can continue to offer the win 2.11 run-time for another 6 months past win 3.0 ship. so raising the price shouldn't be a problem.

( this is in their existing win 2.11 ru-time license).

there isn't a lot of evidence to suggest that at \$69 vs. a \$99 street price makes any difference and win 3 will be perceived as a terrific value. will we pick up substantially more business at the lower street or list price? I think it will be the same.

From billg Thu Sep 7 16:38:43 1989  
To: russw steveb  
Subject: feedback on pulling the run-time-2 large 2 small  
Cc: mikemap richab scotto sherryr  
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This feedback is good. Remember we are not "killing the runtime". We have a win 2 runtime and we are going to allow people to use it for quite some time. I don't think anyone will want to use it for more than a year since win 3 will dominate. Our decision is to never have a win 3 runtime. It would be foolish to do a win 3 runtime and try to back off with captain - only a major version change like this gives us a way of doing this. Truthfully if people are unhappy about the "cutoff" date for the win 2 runtime we can be flexible with them. It will die a natural death even if people gave the right to use it for a long long time.

From davidw Wed Feb 1 10:50:18 1989  
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