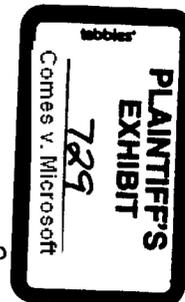


I would like to check with Vijay about Project. The only question is there some big business out there waiting for it. If there are not some major customers, then we should flush it.

I think we should do Thunder. It is a strong selling point for Windows to say to customers to go ahead now with Windows, and if in the future you feel you want to go to OS/2, your apps can be recompiled. Running in Win compatability will not be a compelling as recompiling to many large MIS type accounts. If you disagree, then we should move fast since it is planned as part of the Thunder announce.



>From billg Sat May 11 04:08:06 1991
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Since IBMs big event my opinion of what we should do on Os/2 applications has changed. I no longer think we should release any new applications on Os/2 - including project, visual basic and powerpoint. We should rely on the work that IBM has promised the world they will deliver without any help from Microsoft. If we have contracts like the IRS deal or something that is dependent on one of these let me know so we can figure out how to handle it.

I do think we have to update PM excel and PM word until the users are happy. The number of complaints in both Offline and the monthly USSMD report are depressing on these products. Its primarily PM word. Having shipped the product we should make it right. This obligation on an ongoing basis is the reason why I think even something like project where you have done so much work should be canceled. Every SKU leads to inventory, updating, phone calls, etc.. and I think its easy to avoid in this case.

I know I sent you mail just a month ago expressing dissatisfaction with our Os/2 application schedules so it seems strange to want to cancel them now but the environment has changed.

If you agree with this we should coordinate announcing it with Steveb since he has to make sure the WLO groups morale is handled - they have done an excellent job. I guess the concrete impact is on project and removing things from the ADL.

Please let me know your thoughts.

[Also as part of this I think we should cancel OLE for WLO]. OLE is an advanced feature that IBM must have a strategy for since they are better windows than windows.

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