

From davidool Thu Oct 24 14:32:42 1991
To: chriswo
Subject: Re: changing DOS to MS-DOS
Cc: brads bradsi wineu
Date: Thu Oct 24 14:32:42 1991

Both bradsi and bradc say the next rev of MS-DOS will default to put MS-DOS in the MSDOS directory, right brads? When you speak about the directory MS-DOS is in, refer to the MS-DOS directory, if you are referring to the actual name of the directory, show it as MSDOS.

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From chriswo Thu Oct 24 10:51:31 1991
To: davidool
Cc: wineu
Subject: Re: changing DOS to MS-DOS
Date: Thu, 24 Oct 91 10:50:42 PDT

David, I'm sorry if you've answered this question before, but I need to ask it again. Will the DOS directory change to the MS-DOS directory in the foreseeable future? We refer to the DOS directory in the documentation text. We need to know if we should change this reference to the MS-DOS directory (or the MSDOS directory). We would probably need to add a note the explained that for earlier versions of the MS-DOS, this directory would be named DOS.

thanks!
—chris

From Laura Thu Oct 24 10:06:07 1991
To: chriswo
Cc: endeds
Subject: Re: changing DOS to MS-DOS
Date: Mon Oct 21 10:04:47 PDT 1991

Chris, an interesting question has come up — is the DOS directory going to be changed to the MS-DOS directory? For instance, in Optimizing there is a sentence that goes something like "... if your MS-DOS files are in the DOS directory, type blah blah at the MS-DOS prompt." Should that be the MS-DOS directory? Does Windows create that directory?

Thanks,
Laura

From chriswo Mon Oct 21 12:32:25 1991
To: davidool seanbe
Cc: wineu
Subject: Re: changing DOS to MS-DOS
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 91 12:31:25 PDT

My understanding is yes, we are excluding references to other types of DOS. So the statement at the beginning of the Getting Started is that you need MS-DOS, version 3.1 or later to run Windows. David, correct me if I'm wrong on this please.
—chris

From seanbe Mon Oct 21 11:33:59 1991
To: chriswo
Subject: Re: changing DOS to MS-DOS
Date: Mon Oct 21 11:33:24 1991

How does this affect the statement in Welcome that to run Windows successfully you need MS-DOS or PC-DOS, version 3.1 or later? That is, are we actually EXCLUDING references to other types of DOS?

From chriswo Thu Oct 17 17:17:09 1991
To: marionj windoc
Subject: changing DOS to MS-DOS
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>From davidool Thu Oct 17 17:01:36 1991
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Subject: changing DOS to MS-DOS
Cc: winwar
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With the new competition from IBM and Novell with DR-DOS, it's more important than ever to embed in user's minds that MS-DOS is the DOS. One clear way to do this is to never use the generic term "DOS" again. Although it's past visual freeze, we are going to change all references to "DOS" to "MS-DOS". This includes the DOS prompt stuff, error messages, WUC, Help Files, SDK, DDK, and OAK.

Lisa is busy working on a new DOS prompt icon and will deliver it to UE as soon as she can. This is so UE can resume doing screen dumps. UE will also change the WUC and help files over time. Error messages and such will be dealt with after the bug fest.

Tim, Tim, and Janineh, please communicate this to the appropriate people working on the SDK, DDK, and OAK.

Note this doesn't impact the names of files like DOSPROMPT.PIF, DOSAPP.INI, and DOSX.INI nor any of the INI switches themselves.

This was not an easy decision to make, but it is one we have to do now.

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