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Digital Research

Buxton Development
PIP Meeting

(16th April 1991)

Distribution List:

EDC	Steve Tucker, Richard Deane, Andy Nightman, Glenn Stephens, Ian Turnbull
Newbury	Dieter Giesbrecht, Robert Gunn, Nick Webb, John Bromhead, Richard Gibbs, John Linney, David Bridger, Leif Bergstrom, Lindsay Williams
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Manufacturing UK	Terry Ralph, Geoff Bryant
Manufacturing US	Tim Peart, Sally Weinstein
Japan	Mas Morimoto, Phil Balma, Tatsuro Sakata
Pacific Rim	Dick Dixon, Laurence Brinded, Henry Huang
Next meetings:	Tuesday 30th April 1991 & 10th May 1991 9 a.m. EDC Conference Room

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Present John Constant, Richard Deane, Leif Bergstrom, Ian Turnbull, Geoff Bryant.

Apologies Glenn Stephens, Richard Gibbs, David Bridger

Development Dates

Language	B1	B2	ER	FCS
English (UK/US)	1/4/91	6/5/91	10/6/91	24/6/91
German	N/A	N/A	10/6/91	24/6/91
French	N/A	N/A	UK + 1 month	UK + 1 month
Italian	N/A	N/A	TBD	September '91
Spanish	N/A	N/A	TBD	September '91

B2 through FCS dates are under review due to a variety of Engineering and Marketing issues.

Engineering

A third beta cycle is also being considered.

Beta 1 is progressing slowly. Only 30% of the US sites have beta kits. Germany are waiting for the return of NDAs and no news from the UK or France.

We are considering integrating Third Party Cache program, Multisoft's Super PC-KWIK. This would delay our current working dates.

The following prospective beta sites have been notified:

	Approved	B1	B2
Central Europe	7	5	5
Japan	1	1	1
Northern Europe	7	3	7
Pacific Region	1	1	1
Southern Europe	7	4	7
US	33	24	33


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- 1. ViewMAX.
The first alpha release of software is being QAd by Steve Hook at the EDC and includes cosmetic changes; 3D effects and supports the file find dialogue.
Steve Hook reviewing ViewMAX and reporting problems to the US.
Documentation was started last week by Mike Fischer.
- 2. JC to release beta 1a to QA today.
Support for key board program relocating to upper and high memory.
 - * MOVE utility to allow files to be moved from one part of the disk to another.
 - * COMMAND.COM will be able to relocate to upper and high memory but there may be compatiibility issues.
 - * TASKMAX supports EMS and XMS memory.
 - * CONFIG.SYS SET command supported.
 - * EMM386 and MEMMAX support the video memory being appended to conventional memory at run time.

Action Items

- JC To get more information about the status of beta sites.
- RG Reviewing the names of utilities to be used in the product i.e. TaskMAX. Takes about 3 weeks.
- RG Check possibility of registering trademarks with Lindsay Williams.
- JC To check with John Spinks (for contacts at ICL), John Langford and Peter Bodinet for details required for main frame connectivity questions.

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 DEC NET
 3270 ← APPROPRIATE



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Quality Assurance

1. Amarjit Viridi working with Joe Wein on debugging of TaskMAX. Oonagh Kearney working on a variety of things including code page and EMM386. Kuru Paran and RD working on networks. Steve Hook testing ViewMAX. Karen Taylor on holiday.
2. JC/RD have worked through Veritest plan to ensure the right applications are being tested. Recommendations have been sent to Veritest to ensure that the more popular European applications are included.
3. RD asked about LANTASTIC support - Steve Tucker will clarify the situation on his return from the US.
4. Comments on beta 1 were that there had been no problems with stand alone applications but interaction at the low level with networks and EMM386 had given some concern.

DOCUMENTATION

1. New developments meant that previous documentation dates were unrealistic and new dates will be published when the workload has been reviewed.
2. Mock up copy of the new manual should be available next week for translators.
3. New MemoryMAX documentation ready for review.
4. Katherine working on HELP text. RD asked if more information about device drivers could be included here. Julie Rowell is working on chapter regarding Task Switcher, Tracey Yates working on Ventura and Roger Mckerlie on Compress and Move.
5. Alpha ViewMAX documentation has arrived from the US. Looks OK.


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Translation

1. More information on documentation timescales will be given by Ian Turnbull at the next PIP meeting so plans can be made with translators.
2. Freeze documentation 6 weeks before ER and the German translation can be completed on schedule.
3. Viewmax translation copy needs to be done by mid June.
4. Hans Joachim Muller available during May.

Action

JC/IT User Guide/HELP text to be made available as soon as possible for translators to evaluate.

Manufacturing

1. Time scales required:
Artwork for cover - 6 weeks before FCS
Documentation - 3 weeks before FCS
Slip cover - 6 weeks before FCS

Action Items

- RG Manufacturing should be advised if four colour artwork is to be used in any part of the ViewMAX manual. Geoff indicated three weeks timescale would be necessary for this.
- RG Advise if any Viewmax screen shots will be required for the manual cover or slip cover.
- RG Artwork for cover and slipcover for English and German product to be supplied by end of April.

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Marketing

1. Progressing with Product Highlights for advertising literature. There is a meeting on 17th April to decide highlights.
2. Preliminary Product Information Sheet being worked on.

Action

RG to identify what he would like to have written in Chapter 1 of the User Guide.


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