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Buxton Development
PIP Meeting

30th July 1991

Distribution List:

EDC	Steve Tucker, Richard Deane, Robert Fanning, David Rees, Andy Wightman, Glenn Stephens, Ian Turnbull
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Japan	Mas Morimoto, Phil Balma, Tatsuro Sakita
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Next meetings:	Tuesday 6th August, 13th August 9 a.m. EDC Conference Room
Present	John Constant, Richard Deane, Geoff Bryant, John Bromhead, Ian Turnbull, Richard Gibbs, Glenn Stephens, Steve Tucker

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Veritest

90-95% completion by 2nd August.

Testing progressing with no major problems found.

Problems found:

DISKOFT and disk corruption - cannot reproduce

DELWATCH and PRINTQ - isolated and fixed

TaskMAX and Microsoft mice and EGA support which will be addressed by Joe Wein during this week as a priority.

Compatibility with Mathematica which they will supply to us for testing.

Microsoft

Microsoft Windows 3.1 will not be supported in enhanced mode because a modified LOADHI VXD driver is required from Microsoft. No further information.

Microsoft windows 3.0 and 3.0A extended the kernel of windows to 64kb under DR DOS thus imposing a maximum TPA of 576kb for DOS applications running in enhanced mode. This cannot be fixed in Buxton.

ADDSTOR

Getting a number of compatibility issues from UK, German and US offices. Problems appear to be with hardware. Will be visiting the Newbury office to try on machines that have not been used for beta testing. 13 machines have been made available for testing.

Bill Castle will be in Monterey 30/7/91 to investigate problems from this office and give Tech Support training.

Received SSTOR and driver conversion program which can be translated. Testing and QA to be done at EDC.

Areas of concern:

1. Completion of TaskMAX - 31 outstanding SPR's.
2. Volume of SPR's arriving at this late stage in the project.

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3. 2.88mb floppy disk support - no drive available RD to obtain IBM PS/2 model 40 for testing a.s.a.p.
4. Complete support for ADDSTOR drives in the DISKOPT utility.
5. Support for AS400 PC program.

Functional changes from Spec

1. FILELINK - will not provide full screen interface in the initial release of Buxton. This is planned for a future release.
2. No screen blanking is provided in the product.
3. Support for AMD286 and ZX chip set will be integrated as soon as stable chip development kits become available.

Action Items

JC Obtain access to IBM AS400, 2.88mb drive and configure a multi hard drive system.

Quality Assurance

Network testing. Netware 2.2 and ELS being used to go over old SPR's not fixed previously.

LAN Manager 2 being used, but no new version of Banyan Vines 4.x has been received for testing.

ADDSTOR has been tested on all our machines in QA and has been getting better.

LANtastic v 4.0 has not not exposed any problems.

TaskMAX screen switcher should be improved and mouse support still to be fixed.

Super PCRWIK - some problems experienced. Multisoft have not responded to this.

ViewMAX problems. AV continues testing.

OK testing code page support with Alexis Piatetsky.

Trying to make contact at Microfocus to get latest Cobol for QA testing.

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Action

JC Find out exact versions of drivers that are used with LANMANAGER.

DOCUMENTATION

Reference Card to Manufacturing 29/7/91

ViewMAX Guide to Manufacturing 30/7/91

User Guide comments being incorporated. This must be completed by 29th July so that index and table of contents can be generated.

DOSBOOK progressing OK. Should be complete by 2/8/91.

Agreed to remove Appendix F (Novell appendix) and this should be put into Release Notes.

Quick Reference Card, French and German to Manufacturing 30/7/91.

Action

AW Agreed to check names for the color sets.

Translation

Error messages to be frozen immediately.

Beta 2 software expected from Phoenix. Roger Gross to assist interpreting this and producing beta 3 version.

ViewMAX - German translation expected 19/8/91, French 5/8/91.

IT to oversee changes in translated products. These should be available 12/8/91 and must be delivered to Manufacturing by 19/8/91.

DOSBOOK - KW may have to go to Phoenix to assist.

Italian and Spanish translation contracts still being negotiated.

Action items

IT Advise translators exactly what deliverables we can expect.

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JC Complete contracts with the translators.

Manufacturing

Product format:-
User Guide - 740 pages. Second colour 50% black
ViewMAX - 100 pages. Second colour 50% black

Shipping on

2 x 1.2mb disks
4 x 720kb disks
8 x 360kb disks

1. US timescales. Tim Peart would like things as soon as possible. UK Manufacturing will arrange the shipment of materials as they are completed.
2. Copyright dates to be added to the DR DOS disk labels.
3. GB has received artwork for carton. Cover still not finalised.

Action Items

GB to check time scales required for Release Notes.

RG Artwork for cover and slipcover for English and German product to be supplied by end of June, but certainly no later than 8th July. This has been circulated for discussion.
RG to decide if 1.2mb disks could be used.

JB To get registration card from Charles Nicholls.

Marketing

No information or Action items

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