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From ericcat Mon Sep 23 09:37:20 1991  
To: bradc tonle  
Subject: DR-DOS install doesn't check for unformatted partitions.  
Date: Mon, 23 Sep 91 09:38:33 PDT

This is a nasty one. We had a lot of beta testers who had problems with using unformatted partitions and upgrading only to find they couldn't use the partition. With us, they had the option of uninstalling (which allowed them to get at their data). DR doesn't offer this option if you take the novice path.

Also, note that we had sufficient complaints that we incorporated a check into setup for the unformatted partition and warn the user prior to installing.  
Eric.

>From paultha Fri Sep 20 18:58:10 1991  
To: dosdev vanguard  
Subject: DR-DOS install doesn't check for unformatted partitions.  
Date: Fri Sep 20 18:56:46 pdt 1991

DR-DOS installation program doesn't check for formatted partitions. In some OEM versions of DOS, the OS doesn't check that the partition is formatted or not. This is the case for AST 3.2. I can setup a second partition which is unformatted and access it fine under AST 3.2. When I "upgrade" to DR-DOS 6.0, I can't read the drive anymore.  
MS 5.0 Setup detects the partition as unformatted and warns the user.

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From ericcat Mon Sep 23 10:15:21:56 1991  
To: bradc bradcal tonle  
Subject: Re: dr6  
Date: Mon, 23 Sep 91 10:15:43:39 PDT

I will be downloading DR forum today.  
I scanned last weeks MS forum mail for DR references. The only stuff was:

• Brian Mullen praising DR-DOS v6.0 (I've sent other email on this guy - he's a random DR advertisement. He does no contribution to our forum except praise DR-DOS and tell users to go get it - I feel he should be booted out of our forum).

• One user asked how DR 6 compares to MS-DOS 5 and whether it has any bugs.

• One user asked how they could get DOSHELL to work under DR-DOS 6

(Can't because they get incorrect DOS version).

• One user asked if our Upgrade would install over DR-DOS 6, claiming that our Upgrade wouldn't install over DR-DOS 5. SYSPR responded on problems user had heard of.

• User having problems with Evelyn Wood Dynamic Reader from Timeworks. claims it works fine with DR-DOS 5 and Gandywau, but can only get to work with DOS low and no UMB's under DOS 5. I suspect LADOFIX will help here.

Eric.

>From bradcal Sun Sep 22 20:58:52 1991  
To: bradc ericcat tonle  
Subject: dr6  
Date: Sun Sep 22 20:58:04 1991

We should read the compuserve messages carefully in the dr forum for bug reports or other problems. have we done this yet? if so, what have we found? now that it's shipping we should get some juicy info.  
has there been much chatter on our forum about dr dos6?  
thanks.

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From tomke Mon Sep 23 11:30:11 1991  
To: bradcal mikedr scottg tonle  
Cc: bradcal dosdev jefjfo vanguard  
Subject: DR6: Cache speed comparison  
Date: Mon Sep 23 11:28:11 PDT 1991

The following is a more complete cache speed comparison chart. Note that MS-DOS 5 with SuperPCmkII (the one that comes with DR 6, ver. 4.04) beats DR 6 with SuperPCmkII. MS-DOS 5 + Bambi is the definite winner of all!

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Test Machine: DTK 386 3MB memory  
Computed CPU: 80386 25.0 Mhz

DR-DOS 6	MS-DOS 5	MS-DOS 5	MS-DOS 5
superpc smartdrv	superpc	superpc	Bambi
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DISK PERFORMANCE TESTS:

DOS FILE ACCESS (SMALL RECORDS)  
512 RECORDS/512 BYTES EACH  
TOTAL (312/512)

7.65	28.54	7.14	3.89
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64 RECORDS/4096 BYTES EACH
TOTAL (64/4096)
TOTAL (SMALL)
***** 1.79 ***** 5.81 ***** 1.78 ***** 1.32
***** 9.64 ***** 34.35 ***** 8.92 ***** 5.21
DOS FILE ACCESS (LARGE RECORDS)
16 RECORDS/16384 BYTES EACH
TOTAL (16/16384)
1.37 3.77 1.37 0.99
9 RECORDS/32768 BYTES EACH
TOTAL (8/32768)
***** 1.76 ***** 3.77 ***** 1.44 ***** 1.11
***** 3.13 ***** 7.54 ***** 2.81 ***** 2.10
TOTAL (LARGE)
***** 12.77 ***** 41.89 ***** 11.73 ***** 7.31
TOTAL (SMALL AND LARGE)

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##### 1102
From mikedr Mon Sep 23 12:11:30 1991
To: dosdev vanguard
Subject: DRDOS bug -- saving and restoring screen modes in Taskmax
Date: Mon Sep 23 12:10:41 1991

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The following bug is easily reproducible on my machine, which is a Compaq Deskpro 386/20e with a Video 7 Fastwrite VGA.

1. Boot DRDOS
  2. Type CODE 80,50 to set the screen to 50 line mode. (Note that unlike MSDOS, this doesn't require that ANSI.SYS be loaded. It is not loaded in my configuration.)
  3. Load Taskmax.
  4. Hit Ctrl-Esc to get the TaskMax menu, then FMS to start a new command prompt.
  5. The new command prompt is displayed in half characters -- that is, only the top halves of the characters are visible.
  6. Hit Ctrl-Esc again, and use DEL at the menu to delete this new task. The original task appears normally.
  7. Hit Ctrl-Esc again, and hit DEL to exit Taskmax. Now the root command prompt is also displayed in half characters. CLS will clear this up.
- I recall that we spent a fair amount of time in MSDOS 5 fixing just these sort of bugs. DRI doesn't seem to have bothered.

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