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As most of you know, Bradc has spent a lot of cycles the last few days considering options with regard to compression. We have decided to take the following action (unless we get new information in the next few days):

- \* Remove maxcompress (including all references to it) from MS-DOS 6.
- \* Remove Stacker conversion.
- \* Add a fulfillment option for users to get Stac conversion, probably for a fee.

Obviously this is not desirable, but we all must respect their opinion that this is best action to take given the current information. We will be assessing the impact to the schedule & what options we have to minimize it over the next few days. In the short-term, we've decided to wait until Monday to build RC3 - which will include the changes mentioned above.

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[OTHER NOTES]

- \* There is some chance WorkGroup connection will be dropped from the product. It is being considered by SteveB/Billg. We will have an answer within the next few days.
- \* Until Further notice, no betas or ODK's will be shipped w/o BradC approval.

[WORK ITEMS]

Bens/Jimmat - provide private build of Dblspace today (including MRCI reentrancy fix below)  
Test - beat on private build  
RandyM - ensure backup gets built/tested with new libs.  
Mikedr - Ensure we get DelTree private build for test  
Jaya - Send mail when smoke of RC2 completed.  
Jaya - Ensure we have an aggressive test plan for both DblSpace & DELTREE over the weekend.  
BryanTh - Ensure OEM Disk layouts have WC on a separate disk so it is easy for OEM's who wish to not ship it to do so.  
Bens - Ensure Fernandd is aware of MRCI mods.  
NancyMc get the PKLITE license.

[ACTIVE ISSUES]

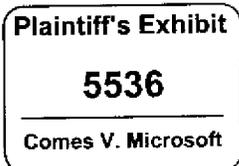
Build RC2 is currently being smoke tested. The following bugs still need to be resolved (will be addressed in RC3):

- 5964 MRCI reentrancy issues.  
We decided to implement critical section signaling in the MRCI library module \*before\* the actual MRCI call is processed. Jimmat has finished coding.
- 5936 DELTREE zaps disk if xlink with root dir  
This is fixed and waiting for code review.
- 5603 DS, Smartdrv, & MEMMAKER trashes disk on ZDS  
>> New data: ZDS reports this appears to be HW specific

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instead of BIOS specific. MarkSi is testing this by swapping the BIOS on our 2 machines which do/don't repro the problem to see if the behavior stays with the machine. Assumming this holds up, one option for avoiding this is to check the model id and use the machine:AT option on all machines with this model byte.

5391 MEM reports 4Gig of memory - RichJ still working on this. Expect fix checked in for RC3 later today.

5909 Interlnk & VPD causes hang on win exit  
This currently only repro's only when starting Win over interlnk. Scottq owns.

4077 CIP with EMM386 NOEMS & VRESUME trashes disk  
This is caused by our EMM386 mapping over memory which is used by the Toshiba power mgmt/resume/hardram features. Jimmat is fixing by including code from Toshiba which detects and excludes this region.

6051 Interlnk hangs Sizer. Helix is looking into this.

5969 Setup /E should work when MS-DOS on drive other than C  
RoyHa owns. Will be fixed in RC3.

[RESOLVED ISSUES]

6026 Stac Conversion file mismatch. Scottq owns.  
This was a result of a corrupt stac vol to begin with. We are adding a message in the initial stac screen to be sure to run SCHECK /F prior to converting.

5946 DRIVPARM not working. Fixed in RC3.

5786 PC Vault protected apps don't work after installing DS. PC Vault is aware of the problem is is reving to support us. I will call them and determine which other apps are impacted.

5940 DblSpace & DiskFix /Scan produces Cluster out of range.

6008 We understand the problem with Fr Jr. Word. It will be fixed by a DBLSPACE.INF entry in RC3.

Eric.

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