

code - 32-bit memory managemnet, new drivers, reentrant file system, etc., packaged in different ways. The biggest difference between them is that DOS-centric says that there can be a non-windows DOS 6 with the advanced 386 features. The win-centric model says that there isn't much need for an advanced 386 DOS 6 without windows. Guys that want that can always buy WIN4 and just not run the GUI. Marketing magic can play name games and/or package WIN4 without the GUI as DOS 6 and the gui part of WIN4 as "win4", or something.

So the deciding question is, I claim, is just what use do we have for a WIN4 that's not tied to DOS 6, and what use do we have for a 386-fancy DOS 6 that's not tied to WIN4? As outlined above, it's a good piece more work to have these two have independent lives - so how important is it to us? Earlier, I sent mail saying that if we did this, what would it mean to the original DOS 6 goals...

Executive summary: it seems that the "executive staff" are saying "of course DOS 6 and WIN 4 are independent products, each of which runs w/o the other". Engineering is saying, "that's a lot of extra hassie, just who are the customers for these seperate pieces?"

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From bradsi Fri Mar 15 16:28:40 1991
To: jeff
Subject: Re: FW: Testing Results of AFX Sanity Check
Date: Fri Mar 15 16:28:38 1991

excellent.

> From jeff Fri Mar 15 10:29:59 1991
To: bradsi
Subject: FW: Testing Results of AFX Sanity Check
Date: Fri Mar 15 10:27:28 1991

Neil has had the flu for the past two days, but he says that all of the bugs reported were caused by two bugs that he has fixed. He hopes to make it in by this afternoon and test the fixes, so that we can do a release on Monday.



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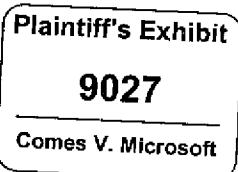
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From bradsi Fri Mar 15 16:29:07 1991

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To: w-clairl
Cc: alexn cameronm martyta richab w-clairl
Subject: Re: isv requests
Date: Thu Mar 21 15:28:01 1991

yes, corp feedback too but I am specifically concerned with questions about the chinese wall and favoritism given to ms apps regarding features added to win.

the people who would know best would be davidcol, jodys, and philba, I imagine.

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From bradsi Thu Mar 21 15:29:07 1991
To: doswar
Subject: DOS 5 LOADFIX PROBLEMS...
Date: Thu Mar 21 15:28:55 1991

>From mcimail?TO: Mike_Brown#_EMS: MCI_Mail#_MBX: 0004443438 Thu Mar 21 15:19:35 1991

To: bradsi
Subject: DOS 5 LOADFIX PROBLEMS...
Date: Thu Mar 21, 1991 5:58 pm EST

>From: Mike Brown
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Brad,

Mike Slade asked me to get back to you regarding the problems we are having with the latest DOS 5 release candidate (RC3, 3-5-91).

We are seeing a very high number of "packed file corrupt" error messages EVEN WHEN RUNNING DOS 5 PROGRAMS (SUCH AS EDIT). I

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