
From: Joe Peterson
Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 10:48 AM
To: Hadi Partovi; Chris Jones
Subject: RE: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

thank you for the spin.

it's just one more step until they don't take advantage of any ie5 features, and then i have we question the value to the customer of this "integration".

-----Original Message-----

From: Hadi Partovi
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 1998 6:37 PM
To: Joe Peterson; Chris Jones
Subject: RE: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

we need to get attach rate by solving customer problems and providing benefits, not by jamming things down people's throats. if we build compelling enough reasons to use O9 and IE5 together we will get as good attach rate as we previously would, but Office will also get even more upgrades because they can still target anti-IE houses

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Peterson
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 11:02 AM
To: Chris Jones
Cc: Hadi Partovi
Subject: RE: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

come on. it's not clear how we're going to get the high attach rate now that they clearly are taking a browser neutral stance.

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Jones
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 10:58 AM
To: Christian Fortini; Jay Arnold; Joe Peterson
Cc: Hadi Partovi
Subject: RE: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

this changes nothing from current plan of record. in fact, it makes it even more important for us to provide compelling reasons for the office users to choose to install ie.

-- chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Christian Fortini
Sent: Friday, January 23, 1998 9:54 AM
To: Jay Arnold; Joe Peterson
Cc: Hadi Partovi; Chris Jones
Subject: Rc: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

I don't think this changes anything from current plan of records. Chris ?
Christian

-----Original Message-----

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Date: Friday, January 23, 1998 9:53 AM

Subject: Fw: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

Here's the mail I mentioned this morning regarding Office. Is this any change from previous plans and does it affect what we do for IE5?

Jay

-----Original Message-----

From: J.K. Bouwens <kimbb@microsoft.com> <<mailto:kimbb@microsoft.com>>
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Date: Friday, January 23, 1998 8:59 AM
Subject: FW: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Maithreyi Lakshmi Ratan
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 1998 8:06 PM
To: Office 9 Leads; Office Program Management
Cc: Grant George; Andrew Kwatinetz; Duane Campbell; Steven Sinofsky; Micheal Dunn; Eric Schreiber; Jean Philippe Bagel

Subject: Office 9 and Internet Explorer Dependencies

Office 9 will move forward with the decision to support Office 9 installed on machines with IE 3, IE 4, and IE 5. The fundamental reason for this decision is that Office felt that requiring IE 5 would be a barrier to acceptance for many corporations. If the corporation has to upgrade to IE 5 in order to upgrade to Office 9, then the corporation has to make two serious upgrade decisions instead of just one. By allowing installation of Office with versions 3, 4, and 5 on the machine, Office allows the corporation to focus only on the Office upgrade decision. The recommended solution will have no implementation dependencies on IE and will avoid a state of mixed IE install DLLs. Office will *not* ship or support any partial version of IE. Office will not mix any IE DLLs.

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Office / IE dependencies, see: <http://officeweb/specs/tco/OfficeIE.html>

What You Need to Know

(if you have an IE-dependent feature)

There will be one generic function provided in mso9.dll that returns the version of IE installed on the user's machine to each team with an IE dependent feature. The function name will be **MsoGetIEVersionNumber** and will return either 3, 4, 5 or 0. EricSchr in Office TCO dev will make the function available by 1/30. For more details on what the return values mean to each feature team, see <http://officeweb/specs/tco/OfficeIE.html#ReturnValues>.

What We Need to Know

The list of IE-dependent Office 9 features can be found at <http://officeweb/specs/tco/OfficeIE.html#IEDependentFeatures>. Each team needs to let us know the various entry points to their IE-dependent feature. This could be a dialog button, menu item, toolbar button, etc. We will work with the Office UI/UA team to ensure that these features are disabled in a consistent manner.

If you have any questions, please send mail to MRatan and DBoctor,
Thanks,
Maithreyi and DBoctor

