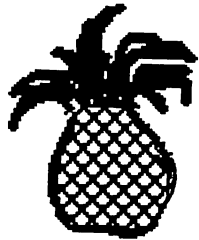


DosGetNews()

Wednesday, May 11, 1988

OS/2's Own!

Welcome to the first edition of the new OS/2-JDA GROUP's Weekly Newsletter : DosGetNews(). We hope that you will find this publication full of useful (and sometimes entertaining) OS/2-JDA news. DosGetNews() will be published every Wednesday and will be full of information on OS/2 Base AND Presentation Manager, future projects, new product discussions, interviews with various personnel and announcements on a variety of departmental activities. We hope you enjoy DosGetNews() and look forward to your comments and suggestions on how we can make it even better. Just contact the editor, Madeline Weise.



""BEACH BLANKET BINGO""

Friday Night at the Movies for the
OS/2-JDA GROUP, May 13, 6-midnight.

HAWAIIAN BUFFET

followed by:

"Beach Blanket Bingo" & "Gidget Goes Hawaiian"

At the large conference room at EAST TECH
(just across the way, follow the new asphalt path!).

Spouses and significant others are invited!

(Read the fine print: BYOB - Bring Your Own Blanket!)

UPDATE:V1.2

by Dave Gilman

OS/2 v1.2...the beginning of the end of 8.3 names. No longer will users have to remember what heuristic they used when they named their file foobar.txt. V1.2 will support names that have a total length of 260 bytes, with any component (the part between two '\ ' or a '\ ' and the end) of 255 bytes. You can now have files with names such as 'whatisinthisfileanyway.txt'!

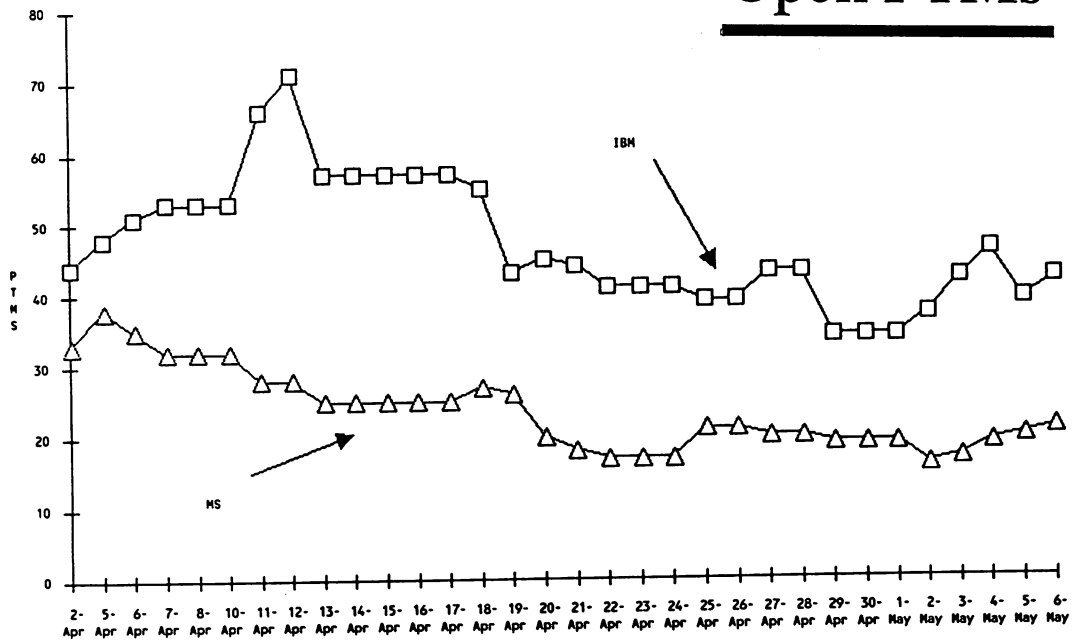
The major functional addition to OS/2 v1.2 is the addition of Installable File System (IFS) support. This mechanism will enable the automatic attachment of a File System Driver (FSD) which will be able to access non-FAT media. Imagine being able to read and write the same floppies on your OS/2 box as on your Xenix machine. No more conversions. Just load a Xenix FSD (via a config.sys parameter) under OS/2, insert the Xenix floppy, and OS/2 will take care of the rest!

Current efforts by the Base OS/2 team revolve around the design of long name support in the utilities and the PM shell and toolkit. Other improvements waiting in the wings are features which would make the LanMan product kick ____ and help beat Novell in the PC-LAN market. These features are performance improvements, such as better cacheing techniques and de-serialization of the file system APIs.

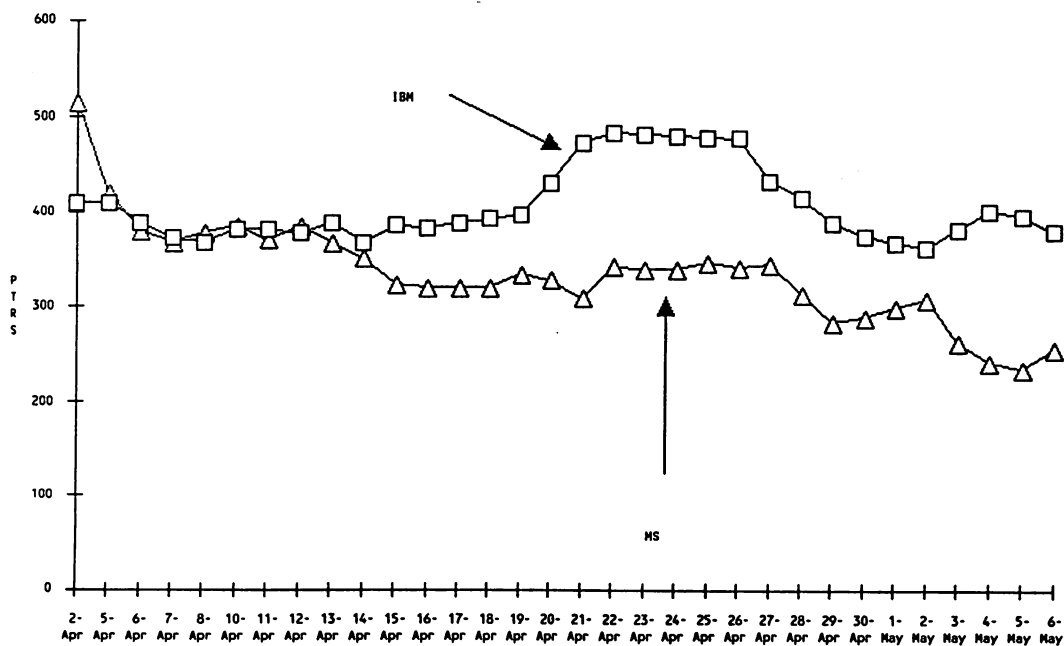
Special mention should be made of the IFS team (thereses, markh, peterwu, rajens, o-josephc and o-jamesm) led by bryanwi. This team managed to enter their first Public Build with the most stable set of sources ever seen in an OS/2 product that was just starting Function Test. Congratulations to them all! Congratulations to them all!

Whether you are working on PTMs or PTRs, there is always one more!!

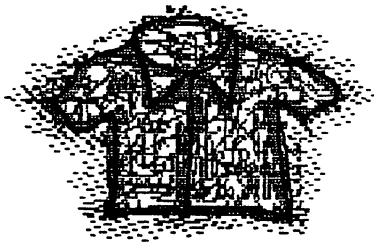
Open PTMs



Open PTRs



HAWAIIAN SHIRT CONTEST!



Friday, May 20,
at Noon.

Location to be announced.

Muu-Muus &
Bermuda Shorts
invited.