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PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP

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Since starting at Microsoft nine weeks ago, many people have come up to ask what is the role of the Project Management Group. Since DosGetNews() is one of our group's productions, I thought it would be a good medium to discuss the role of our organization.

Mission Statement:
 "The Project Management Group is responsible for insuring the systematic planning, coordinating, and directing of all integrative activities that are required to produce a deliverable OS/2-JDA product".

This is accomplished via Program Managers and Project Managers.

Our Program Managers Dave Gilman and Mark Cliggett are responsible for working with MS & IBM management, architects, and developers to define the content of an upcoming version of OS/2. They analyze, evaluate, and negotiate the content that results in the product specification. After the project gets underway, the Program Managers verify the continuing purity of the jointly agreed design by managing the DCR process.

Once the specification has been finalized, it is placed under the control of our Project Managers Rick Dill and Kent Diamond. The Project Managers insure that the project is progressing on schedule, meeting agreed upon milestones for completion, as well as meeting all content requirements. The Project Managers accomplish this task through interfacing with MS and IBM developers, builders, and testers, as well as keeping management apprised of issues and progress.

Recently, there has been some overlap of these job functions due to project schedules and manpower shortages. In the near future, you can expect to see dedicated Program Managers and Project Managers for each of our major product releases.

 The Project and Program Managers are assisted administratively by our Project Administators, Madeline Weise and Sarah Owens.

 I hope this gives you a better understanding of our organization. Our group depends on the commitment and cooperation of personnel from almost every group in the OS2-JDA organization. Next time you see one of us sprinting down the hall, asking for status, dates, commitments or just generally pulling our hair out you will have some idea why.

In future articles, we will have Ben Slivka discuss the Program Group, Dan Hinsley the Test Group, Peter Neupert for development, and me for the Build Group & Tools Group.
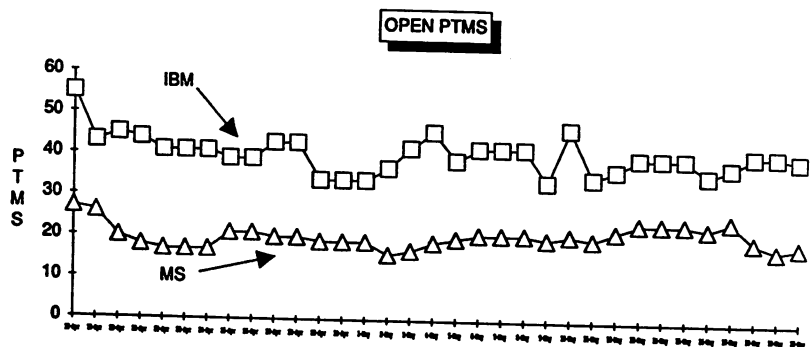
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Currently, we are planning one special event per month. In May, it was the Beach Blanket Bingo movie night (Thank you Annette and Frankie!). In June, there will be the HAWAIIN SHIRT CONTEST on the 10th. This gives you plenty of time to find something to wear. The best efforts will be rewarded with dinner at LAHAINA LOUIE'S (I can vouch for the excellence of this restaurant myself!).

Also, it is almost time to get out the fly-swatters and to start looking forward to the much coveted "BUG KILLER OF THE WEEK AWARD". This will be open to all developers, testers, and builders.

Even though October seems so far away at the moment, it will be here before we know it. We will soon start our "COUNTDOWN TO SHIP DATE". This happens to be Monday, October 31, 1988. Along the way, we will have a few other surprises for you.

And remember, we will gladly accept (just about) any and all contributions of a literary, educational or comic nature to appear here in the pages of DosGetNews(). If you have some information that you think will benefit or interest others in this group, just email it to madelw.

MAUI QUIZ

One of the best ways to get the most out of visiting a foreign place is to learn as much as possible BEFORE you get there. Test your knowledge and learn a few things with this quiz about MAUI!
(Answers given in next week's DosGetNews()).

1) What is MAUI's average yearly daytime temp?

2) How high is HALEAKALA (famous volcano) above sea level?Above the ocean floor?

3) What was the lowest temperature ever recorded in Hawaii (in 1961 atop HALEAKALA)?

4) Lahaina means:
   a)''Beer Lovers' Delight''
   b)''City on the Blue Water''
   c)''Merciless Sun''
   d)''Centipede Crawling Up Your Leg''

5) What is the name of the Hawaiian Fire Goddess? Her name also means''volcano'',''fire pit'', and ''eruption of lava''.

6) How many miles wide is Maui?How many miles long?

7) 'A'A and PA'HOEHOE are:
   a) 2 types of fish
   b) 2 types of seaweed
   c) 2 types of lava
   d) Don Ho's real first and sur names

8) TSUNAMIs, seismic tidal waves, have speeds which have been measured up to how many miles per hour?

9) What European ''discovered'' MAUI in 1778?

10) What is the name of MAUI's Sex Goddess?