

To: Carl Stork; Jonathan Roberts; Megan Bliss; Jim Alchin (Exchange); Bill Veghte
Cc: Jeff M. Johnson; Adam Taylor; Phil Holden
Subject: RE: Closure on Memphis action items from 3YO and Billg Memphis review

Please don't forward

Jonathan,

The plan that Carl outlines below is the plan I approved. We agreed with Paulma and Joachim that at the time we ship the Beta, we may decide to drive to 7/31 RTM without IE, if it looks we may miss the spring 98 PCs. In such case we will execute on the schedule below. As you can see to have this option, this has to be a beta test by end users. Feel free to come and discuss this with me.

If at the time we ship Beta 1, we get the team totally focused on making a Memphis release based on old shell, the team will drive toward the following schedule:

4/3 - WinHEC build, also represents RC1 for Beta 1
4/18 - Beta 1
6/1 - Beta 2
7/1 - RC1
7/31 - RTM

There is some risk in that schedule, but if 7/31 is OEM only followed by retail that supports also win3.1 three months later (10/97) the confidence level of Carls' team is quite high.

Thanks.....Moshe

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From: Carl Stork
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 1997 4:03 PM
To: Jonathan Roberts; Moshe Dunie; Megan Bliss; Jim Alchin (Exchange); Bill Veghte
Cc: Jeff M. Johnson; Adam Taylor; Phil Holden
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The release at WinHEC is being called a Developer Release, the same terminology we used in December.

We are planning to move on to release a Beta release fairly soon thereafter. The beta release will go to end users and will be used to test upgrade, apps, etc. The IE4 shell is available via the display control panel but it is not set by default.

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From: Jonathan Roberts
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 1997 3:47 PM
To: Moshe Dunie; Carl Stork; Megan Bliss; Jim Alchin (Exchange); Bill Veghte
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Philh needs to create a press response that covers:

- 1) dev release without IE. I still don't think we should call it a beta. Without IE it is not code complete, therefore it is not a beta. We can call it anything but a beta.
- 2) A statement about 3.1 support, since that won't be in the next release and we are already being asked about it.

Carl, can you confirm what we are calling the next release?

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Thanks,

Jonathan

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From: Moshe Dunie
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 1997 1:35 PM
To: Carl Stork; Megan Bliss; Jim Allchin (Exchange); Jonathan Roberts; Bill Veghte
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It has been decided to ship Beta 1 with the old shell. Will decide at that point based on IE4 schedule whether Memphis will be based on IE shell. A key factor is that we don't want to miss the spring 98 PC season. Externally though we cannot disclose the possibility of shipping Memphis without IE4. Plan of record is still to have IE4.

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From: Carl Stork
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 1997 12:06 PM
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The assumption about the date is missing <g>

We do not have closure on the issues below at present. 16 Mb will be a challenge for acceptable perf with IE4 & other apps. IE4 is not being developed as joined to Memphis at the hip - at present Memphis is an afterthought. It is not one of the four main test platforms for IE4. We are being encouraged by the IE4 team to release a Memphis Beta 1 with the old shell.

We need to rethink the plans & make sure we have a plan that makes sense. Today I would not tell anyone that it is possible to ship an integrated IE4/Memphis product in 1997.

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

From: Megan Bliss
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 1997 11:43 AM
To: Jim Allchin (Exchange); Carl Stork; Jonathan Roberts; Bill Veghte; Moshe Dunie
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Importance: High

From the 3YO, and the subsequent BillG Memphis review, these are the things that we agreed upon. I want to make sure that they still hold true.

- 1) The Memphis minimum system configuration is 486, 16Mb.
- 2) We will be doing a Win3.1 upgrade.
- 3) IE 4 and Memphis are joined at the hip.

It is important to get closure on these issues so that we can start to effectively communicate what to expect with this release to the various involved parties (internally, the field, etc.) For instance, we have yet to see a plan for the Win3.1 upgrade.

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I am also concerned that we haven't come to any closure about the proposed additional features that were brought up at the Billg Memphis review.

Please correct me if these are not plan of record. Our teams are marching with these assumptions.

Thanks,
Megan