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Message 223:
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Nathans recent mail about Windows being the winner is basicly correct. I think it understates the problems we will have if we are too abrupt in abandoning PM. Its not just ISVs -- there are also people like LOTUS and Autodesk and DDescribe. A lot of corporations have written to the PM apis. Corporations are starting to think that Microsoft could be a strategic partner like IBM but we will destory that if we are too abrupt. Remember centrally in these companies IBM and DEC are the people they trust to make things happen and it is incredible we are even being considered for that.

I am suprised nathan didnt suggest we should offer 32bit thunks for windows and a development kit with the 32bit compiler cheap ASAP to get things rolling. I see that as absolutley critical. In fact I think we should promote the idea of windows isvs including a 32bit version in with their box if they want to be cool and get the top speed. We will be able to do this ourselves shortly ?
after we ship excel 3.0.

I am suprised I didnt see anything about what I call "v" which is the idea of running multiple window systems at the same time. I think that allowing the PM code and the windows code to run as seperate systems but share screen and input models would allow us to deal with the problem. We would still position Windows as mainstream and perhaps the only thing for RISC. I havent seen any good design analysis of this approach although I have thought about it myself and think there are some clever ways to do it.

I dont see why dropping the pm32 thunks is necessary. I think getting the win32 thunks in for the BCL would be important. As long as we have both its ok to have both thunked for 32bit.

I think we should meet soon. Rome is burning.

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