

Re: Woody on 486 problem

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On 02/15/07 22:20, Mike McCarty wrote:

Ron Johnson wrote:

Eh? With MSDOS? No gooey stuff in there!

Well, there was GEM, plus TUIs like DesqView.

I wasn't claiming that no GUIs existed, just that I don't use any. I used DesqView briefly, just for fun. But never on that machine.

Ah, misunderstanding.

But you can't be using it just for MS-DOS; what's the point of having 16MB RAM if all yo do is run non-extended DOS?

I have 16MB of RAM because that's the minimum configuration for that machine when I bought it. And, actually, I have used some of the extended RAM on occasion, with a disassembler (Sourcer) I used to run. I haven't run that in a long time, though.

Why not install Linux and dosemu?

[snip]

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You sure that isn't 360KB? The 5 1/4 floppies used in those days were multiples of 90KB. SSSD was 90KB, SSDD was 180KB, and DSDD was 360KB.

Nope. That was the IBM PC format.

Ok.

The same DSDD minifloppy formatted on a KayPro would hold 380KB.

You should remember that all the CPM machines had their own special formats.

I dunno about "special". They were just CP/M format. I never bothered with learning how to use the USERx stuff on those discs. I always just used USER0 area.

Not true. Each had it's own format. A few companies did a good business selling programs to format and copy (soft sector) 5.25" floppies on and for all the myriad of CP/M machines around in the early 80s.

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