

Re: Mapping BIOS interface from VGA to serial

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Jack Patteeuw wrote:

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- > *I work in a medium sized shop supporting Solaris and Tru64 on SPARC and*
- > *Alpha. We have 3 sites, in 2 cities and only 2 people to support about*
- > *60+ systems, so keeping things simple and common are the only way we can*
- > *keep our sanity.*
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- > *There is a lot of discussion about going to Linux especially as Alpha*
- > *approaches end of life (but boy, are there some deals on used hardware*
- > *now !)*
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- > *We currently use an old DEC software product called Console Manager that*
- > *allows us to connect the serial ports from multiple servers through some*
- > *terminal server back to one system where we can control everything. It*
- > *is simple, it is cheap and it works, so don't suggest changing to*
- > *anything different.*
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- > *I know most new Intel "servers" can map their BIOS output to COM1 and*
- > *after Linux is loaded re-directing its output to COM1 is not a big deal.*
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- > *Here is my question. Can anyone recommend a VGA "simulator" board with*
- > *a serial connection that maps VGA screen sequences to VT100 so we can*
- > *continue to use our current setup with older and/or "non-server" Intel*
- > *hardware ?*

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