

The Future of eComStation

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IBM Statement

- ◆ OS/2 withdrawal from market: December 23st, 2005
- ◆ OS/2 end of support: December 31st, 2006
- ◆ Paid support is possible through TCO or Support Extension

HOWEVER: This announcement covers the IBM plans for the IBM distribution of the OS/2 products. The announcement does not impact OEMs who may use OS/2 and other IBM products as part of their product solution.

Serenity System's statement

- ◆ eComStation will remain available as long as it is a good business. There is no end in sight
- ◆ eComStation product plan calls for sales of eComStation through mid-2007. Even then, there are no plans to terminate the product. That is simply the time frame of the current product plan.

Version 2

- ◆ Improved hardware and ACPI support
- ◆ Bootable JFS
- ◆ Resize NTFS/FAT/HPFS
- ◆ Multi-user support
- ◆ Improved network applications
- ◆ Improved installer
- ◆ Integration of Samba

Installer updates

- ◆ Installer will use SciTech SNAP to improve compatibility with modern hardware (flat-panels, laptops)
- ◆ Installer will be network enabled
- ◆ One reboot will be eliminated from install
- ◆ Installation options will be extended
- ◆ Resize of NTFS, FAT and HPFS volumes
- ◆ Installation on a bootable JFS volume
- ◆ Support for new hardware standards like Athlon64 and ACPI

Networking & Samba

- ◆ ISC DHCP client
- ◆ Samba client & server as optional replacement for IBM LAN Requester & Peer (requires Security/2)
- ◆ Ported base network utilities
- ◆ SSH support (requires Security/2)

Timeframe

- ◆ Milestone 1: Mid October
 - ◆ Updated driver and hardware support
 - ◆ DFSee
- ◆ Milestone 2: Early November
 - ◆ Visual enhancements
 - ◆ New installer
- ◆ Milestone 3: Mid November
 - ◆ Updated network tools
 - ◆ Samba
 - ◆ Security/2
- ◆ Public beta by December 23rd, 2005

Demo CD (live demo)

Demo CD

- ◆ Available free of charge from www.ecom-station.com
- ◆ Not installable
- ◆ Supports internet access through modem or network
- ◆ Supports USB removable media
- ◆ No printing support
- ◆ No File & Printer sharing support
- ◆ No technical support is provided for the Demo CD