Subject: Another guy doing (computer) stuff because he could
Posted by grindstone on Sat, 23 Aug 2025 18:52:57 GMT
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So there's all manner of stuff around here I should be doing ("gettin' to it...") today, but I just found myself enthralled in a pretty-wonderful ramble about the origins of the 9x14 BIOS font.

Naturally, I thought of Wayne :)

It's just another one of those probing/spelunking/digging trails that reminds me why we tinker (or at least the fun it can still be).

Between that and the internal links, it cost me an hour. You have been warned. (PSST: I think it was worth it bec I drank a bunch of coffee so everything will go faster, now).

https://www.os2museum.com/wp/8x19-text-mode-font-origins/

Subject: Re: Another guy doing (computer) stuff because he could
Posted by Wayne Parham on Sun, 24 Aug 2025 14:46:03 GMT
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Very cool. Thanks for the link!

On a semi-related aside, I remember when OS/2 was introduced. It was a better operating system than DOS but it was an odd duck.

But then OS/2 v.2.1 came out. It was promoted as OS/2 for Windows and it was the best platform for PCs a while. It was a "real" operating system with a great filesystem and it could run anything. And most of all, it wouldn't crash, even when running Windows 3.1.

Subject: Re: Another guy doing (computer) stuff because he could
Posted by grindstone on Mon, 25 Aug 2025 11:36:01 GMT
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Yeah I was hoping it might "win". It wasn't just the OS/2, it was those "low-profile" desktop boxes, too--it all seemed very Modern :) Still running PS2 mice HAH HAH! In truth, I was already bleeding 6-color Apple blood by then and lost maybe 12 years (and bunches of kilobucks) on that branch.

Just have a soft spot for guys that get on a mystery and ride it down deep and then post about it. Gives me the false illusion to retain hope for the world.

I still try to help-out with DSL (linux) and these machines are not dead to us--for as long as we can keep it that way, anyway. Might be headed to NetBSD after 2k28 to keep things out of landfills, though.
