

Re: DOS app very slow on VPC7 4 Mac

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Steve: Ram is 768 MB. To turn off visual enhancements, do you mean downgrading color/resolution, etc?

Michael: XP runs this software fine on PC's.

My provider has since told me that other MAC users use VPC (not sure which version) and had the same problem with XP, so switched to Win 2000. I may try that, and will get back to you on results. Actually, I'll try '98, as that is what I have on CD here.

Thanks all
RS

Michael Paine wrote:

- > Have you tried running the bookeeping app on a normal Windows PC with
- > XP? I know very little about running DOS apps in XP but I presume there
- > are other forums that cover this topic. Sounds like the app is doing
- > things that confuse XP – one possibility is that it is trying to use
- > expanded memory (forerunner to extended memory). VPC might have some
- > tweaks for this?
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- > Dosbox was only written for running grand old DOS games. It doesn't have
- > built in printing or networking (there are patches that are supposed to
- > do this but I gave up trying to use them). Despite these limitations I
- > found that DOS Open Access works well because it has the option of
- > printing to file. I therefore print to a folder that is monitored by
- > Applescript and it takes over from there.
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- > If your DOS app works in Dosbox and has "print to file" then maybe you
- > can "hold" the output for subsequent use by the Windows app.
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- > "The kind" Michael Paine
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- > rsutmoller@xxxxxxx wrote:
- >> perhaps something for the kind Mr Paine?
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- >> Have successfully installed VPC7 for Mac and XP pro on iBook with 384 M
- >> RAM allocated to the VPC.
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>> Reason? to run a C-language bookkeeping program I need. This has been
>> installed apparently successfully. In fact, I can open it, navigate
>> through its screens and menus, and enter new data, BUT, every single
>> keystroke takes around 10 seconds to respond!. If I open Notepad or
>> the MS-DOS prompt on the VPC, this does not occur.
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>> I feel like I'm SO CLOSE to getting this done --- the software runs, but
>> unusably slowly.
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>> I've read about DOSBox. The problem I foresee is that I could run this
>> program on DOSbox, but when I go to submit my data over the internet, I
>> use a windows based program from the same company.
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