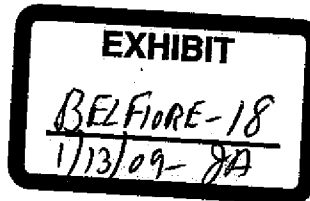


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 To: Brian Fleming  
 Subject: FW: Shell Extensions  
 Date: Tuesday, November 08, 1994 6:41AM

Basicly we gave up because of marvel and paul will check into the add on pack..

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 From: Paul Maritz  
 To: Bill Gates  
 Subject: RE: Shell Extensions  
 Date: Monday, November 07, 1994 5:56PM

I met on Friday with DRG and Joeb to review following:

1. In M7, the Chicago Shell has been changed to force apps that use the iShellFolder interfaces to open into a separate window, ie. appear to be separate apps.
2. There were 4 groups using these interfaces (Capone, Marvel, Stac, Symantec). Capone, Stac, Symantec have found ways to not use them. However, the MARVEL guys have said that there is no way they can move off the current interfaces and still have chance of shipping with Win'95.
3. Based on this stance by MARVEL, we will not disable the interfaces, but will not document the iShellFolder in regular documentation, but we will have them documented in a resource kit so that if someone really, really does want to use them they can. I feel that if Marvel is using them, we have to say that in theory someone else could have done likewise. However we will tell ISVs that there is no guarantee that these API's will not get broken if future and we do not recommend their use as a result. If someone does use them, because the interfaces have been doctored to force app to open into a separate window, the legacy case can be handled relatively straightforward way by simply starting a copy of current explorer and then starting the app in same process.
4. I am not up to speed on details of O'Hare - will find out.

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I am a little confused by what is going on in this whole area.

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