

Rexx in OS/2 and/ArcaOS

Dutch OS/2 VOICE foundation
2020 RexxLA presentation



Introduction

- Roderick Klein been using OS/2 for 25 years,
 - 15 years chairman of Dutch VOICE foundation.
 - Worked at Mensys B.V. in the Netherlands
 - European OS/2 specialist
 - Company used and is using REXX scripts everywhere.
 - Worked on eCS (eComStation) more then 10 years
 - Rexx used in a lot places of OS/2 and the eCS installer.
 - Not a professional developer... (minstpm.exe).
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REXX at Mensys and in eCS

- See REXX LA presentation from 2019 for details:
 - `Rexx_in_OS2_rexxla_2019`, summary.
 - Where REXX is/was all used at Mensys and eCS:
 - Webshop, order backend, product import.
 - eCS it was used in the installer front end, backend and whole bunch of programs.



Brief update on ArcaOS I

- Replacement for eCS.
 - OEM version of OS/2.
 - UEFI support implemented for OS/2
 - BIOS dependance removed.
 - Boot without INT 13.
 - Video support no longer depending on V G A hardware/VESA BIOS. Demonstrated Warpstock Europe 2020, hard disc boot working.
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Brief update on ArcaOS II

- GPT FLT driver development in progress.
 - Boot from hard discs bigger than 2 TB!
 - Install to native GPT partitions.
 - Secure boot currently not supported.

Object REXX 5.0 on OS/2 and ArcaOS

- Dutch OS/2 VOICE foundation project
- Object REXX DLL
- Shell integration (CMD.EXE and WPS).
- Estimate cost for first phase 500 Dollars



Getting 2 REXX GUI tools back

- Project of Dutch OS/2 VOICE foundation
- Trying to get the source code of GPF REXX
- VX-REXX for OS/2

