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an operating system for x86-based personal computers mostly developed by Microsoft.
Collectively, MS-DOS, its rebranding as IBM PC DOS, and some operating systems attempting to
be compatible with MS-DOS, are sometimes referred to as "DOS" (which is also the generic
acronym for disk operating system). MS-DOS was the main operating system for IBM PC
compatible personal computers during the 1980s, from which point it was gradually superseded
by operating systems offering a graphical user interface (GUI), in various generations of the
graphical Microsoft Windows operating system.   IBM licensed and re-released it in 1981, as PC
DOS 1.0 for use in its PCs. Although MS-DOS and PC DOS were initially developed in parallel by
Microsoft and IBM, the two products diverged after twelve years, in 1993, with recognizable
differences in compatibility, syntax, and capabilities.   During its lifetime, several competing
products were released for the x86 platform,[5] and MS-DOS went through eight versions, until
development ceased in 2000.[6] Initially, MS-DOS was targeted at Intel 8086 processors running
on computer hardware using floppy disks to store and access not only the operating system, but
application software and user data as well. Progressive version releases delivered support for
other mass storage media in ever greater sizes and formats, along with added feature support for
newer processors and rapidly evolving computer architectures. Ultimately, it was the key product
in Microsoft's development from a programming language company to a diverse software
development firm, providing the company with essential revenue and marketing resources. It was
also the underlying basic operating system on which early versions of Windows ran as a GUI. It is
a flexible operating system, and consumes negligible installation space.