RealCheck - Version 1.0

If you've ever started a second copy of Windows from a command shell unintentionally, you may appreciate this tiny utility. Add a simple line in your WIN.INI and you will get a message when Windows is started in real mode. It may keep you from wondering why everything slowed down.

Does 3.0 leave you feeling flat? ™ - Our **OSFrame** utility program gives you 3D title bars, borders, and control menu boxes. It really smooths up the look of Windows when you're using programs like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. A demo of it is available on many bulletin boards, so please check it out (Contact us if you can't find it and we'll tell you where to get it). The list price of OSFrame has been changed to $28.95, and the introductory offer has been extended until 9/20/90

Installation

Edit the **load=** entry in [windows] section of your WIN.INI file to include REALCHK so that the line looks something like **load=realchk.** That's all there is to it. When Windows is started in Real Mode, you will get a message advising you so, otherwise you will get no message. To test it, start a DOS Prompt shell, then run Windows from the shell and you will get the message. RealCheck does not decrease your available RAM.

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We are a developer of Windows MIDI software. MIDI is an acronym for Musical Intrument Digital Interface. In the same way the computer industry has been changed by PC compatibility, so has the music industry been changed by MIDI. The key here again is compatibilty. All MIDI equiped intruments can be connected together because MIDI is simply a 31250 baud serial interface with a detailed communication protocol. When a key is pressed on a MIDI equiped musical keyboard, three characters are sent out that identify the key number, the force the key was struck, and a channel number. When a key is released, a similar message is generated. Using an appropriate interface on a computer allows software to timestamp incoming messages so that they can be played back exactly as they were received. After these events have been recorded, they can be manipulated in much the same way as a word processor does text. MIDI has sixteen channels so that up to sixteen different sounds can be controlled at once. You can record a piano part, then record an organ part while listening to the piano part. If you decide the piano part would sound better as a trumpet, you don't have to re-record the part, you just change the sound the instrument (typically a synthesizer) will play. Many TV and movie scores are being produced with MIDI and computers, and MIDI will be an important part of the Multimedia wave that is coming. Many computer musician hobbyists dedicate at least a portion of a room to their MIDI equipment, and since they often refer to the equipment as 'toys', we are software for the **Playroom**. While our name may be a little whimsical, our software is not.

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