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Advisor Answers

Visual FoxPro 3.0

Q: I cannot run Visual FoxPro in an OS/2 window or full screen. The error message says win32s is the problem. Is there a patch?

–Bob Miller (via Internet)

A: Unfortunately, you can't run Visual FoxPro in OS/2 right now. Here's why.

VFP is a 32-bit application. To run in a 16-bit operating system, it requires the Win32s sub-system, which translates from 32 to 16 bits. When you install VFP in Windows 3.1x or Windows for Workgroups, Win32s is automatically installed. Take a look in the \WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory and you'll see a new WIN32S subdirectory, among other things.

OS/2 does support Win32s. Unfortunately, it supports versions only up to 1.15. Visual FoxPro requires version 1.30. (In fact, I think Visual FoxPro may have been the reason for some of the later versions of Win32s. It asks a lot from an operating system.)

So, for the time being, VFP and OS/2 are incompatible.

–Tamar