

## Installing MS-DOS 6.22 in VMware Fusion 2.0

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**NOTICE:** The following instructions worked for me when I installed MS-DOS 6.22 using VMware Fusion version 2.0 running under Macintosh Operating System 10.5.

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### **make images of floppy disks on the hard drive** use three Microsoft install floppies

1. Launch Apple / Applications / Utilities / Disk Utility
2. Insert Microsoft MS-DOS 6.22 “Disk 1 - Setup” in the USB floppy drive
3. Select “Disk 1” in the menu of devices on the left, in the line under the floppy drive
4. Pull down File menu, select New, and select “Disk image from (Disk 1)”  
or click on “New Image” in the horizontal row of icons across the top
5. Save As = use default name  
Where = Desktop  
Image Format = DVD/CD master  
Encryption = none
6. Click SAVE button to create an image file
7. when finished, click on floppy icon on desktop, then choose “eject” from File menu in Finder

repeat for the other two MS-DOS installation disks, then quit Disk Utility

Create a folder in your user files on the hard disk, with folder name “MS-DOS disk images”, and move all three \*.cdr files from the desktop to this new folder.

Change the file extension of each of the three files from \*.cdr to \*.flp

## install VMware Fusion2.0

1. insert install disk and click on install  
insert serial number  
click VMware Fusion CD on desktop and choose File/Eject from the Finder  
remove VMware Fusion CD
2. Launch VMware Fusion  
Window titled "Virtual Machine Library" will open, **or** click Window in the menu at the top,  
then click on Virtual Machine Library
3. click NEW in lower left corner of Virtual Machine Library window  
click "continue without disk"
4. Select "create a custom virtual machine"  
click Continue
5. Operating System = Other  
Version = MS-DOS  
click Continue  
  
Virtual Machine has the following default settings:  
16 Mbytes of memory,  
8 GB maximum disk size  
shared networking (NAT) and automatically detected CD/DVD  
click Finish  
click Save
6. black screen will open, and after a minute the window "no bootable device was detected" will  
appear. Click OK on the "no bootable device" window.
7. click Shut Down on horizontal row of icons at top  
In the Fusion menu bar at the top, pull down Virtual Machine, then Settings  
click on Hard Disks  
uncheck "split into 2 GB files", maximum disk size = 8 Gbytes, and click apply  
click red button in top left corner

Consider formatting the hard drive in the virtual machine, using alternate instructions on page 4,  
below.

8. In the Fusion menu bar at the top, pull down Virtual Machine, then Settings  
click the + icon in the horizontal row at the top  
choose Add Floppy  
select the Disk 1.flp file name from the folder on the hard disk  
window will show check mark by Connected, and  
will say "Use Floppy Image:" with selected filename  
click red button on top left corner
9. In the Fusion menu bar at the top, pull down Virtual Machine, then Start Up Guest  
blue screen will appear with heading "Microsoft MS-DOS 6.22 Setup"  
choose "Format this drive" and press [Return/Enter]

27% of the way through the installation, setup will ask for the second floppy in A:

SUSPEND (*not* shut down) the guest machine, in floppy settings: choose DISK 2.flp,  
then resume guest machine, and after the momentary restoring window, press [Return/Enter]

at 68% of the way through the installation, setup will ask for the third floppy in A:

SUSPEND (*not* shut down) the guest machine, in floppy settings: choose DISK 3.flp,  
then resume guest machine, and after the momentary restoring window, press [Return/Enter]

Microsoft setup tells you to remove all floppy disks, then press [Return/Enter],  
but do *not* press [Enter]

SUSPEND the guest machine, pull down the Virtual Machine menu, choose Floppy,  
choose Disconnect Floppy (to disable booting from the disk image)

resume the guest machine and press [Return/Enter]  
see the message on the black screen "Starting MS-DOS..." as the virtual machine boots from  
the C: drive

10. shut down the virtual machine, pull down the Virtual Machine menu, choose Settings, click  
on USB, choose both "enable USB2 support" and "automatically connect USB devices",  
and click the red button in the upper left corner,

pull down the Virtual Machine menu, choose Floppy, click on Disconnect Floppy, then start  
up the virtual machine. (now the machine will always boot from the virtual C: drive)

ALTERNATE METHOD  
make a bootable floppy for DOS

On a computer running DOS, make a bootable floppy disk with the DOS command

```
FORMAT A: /S
```

name the disk "BOOT"

```
COPY C:\DOS\FDISK.EXE A:*.*
```

```
COPY C:\DOS\FORMAT.COM A:*.*
```

The Macintosh directory will show the following two hidden DOS files:

```
io.sys
```

```
msdos.sys
```

and

```
command.com
```

```
format.com
```

```
fdisk.exe
```

Make an image of the floppy according to the instructions on page 1 here and rename this image BOOT.FLP

Do steps 1-8 on page 2, but enter the filename BOOT.FLP in step 8. The first thing to do is to partition the virtual hard disk. At the DOS prompt, enter

```
FDISK
```

```
enter choice = 1          create DOS partition
```

```
enter choice = 1          create primary DOS partition
```

```
enter choice = Y          maximum available size (2047 Mbytes) and make the partition active
```

```
FDISK
```

```
enter choice = 1          create DOS partition or Logical DOS drive
```

```
enter choice = 2          create extended DOS partition
```

```
enter 2047 MB and press [RETURN]
```

Now format the two hard drives, using the *unconditional* format.

```
FORMAT C: /U /S /V:programs
```

```
FORMAT D: /U /V:data
```

## other

Fusion will install a folder in the hard disk drive in the

Users / Username / Documents / Virtual Machines

Inside that folder is a file with extension `.vmwarevm` that contains the virtual machine and all of its installed files.

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