

Other things people do with beta versions of the operating system

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Somewhat belatedly riffing on [Larry](#) and his discussion of [time bombs in beta products](#), I'm reminded of one instance of a major PC manufacturer who apparently couldn't wait for Windows 95 to RTM. Tired of waiting, they shipped several thousands of machines with a late beta version of Windows 95 instead. That worked out really great. For six months. And then all the computers expired.

Boy did they have a lot of 'splainin' to do.

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