



*Q: Is it possible to have one IDCMP port for two windows on two screens?*

**A:** Yes. The standard technique for sharing one IDCMP port is:

```
sharedport = CreatePort( ... );
...
newwin.IDCMPFlags = 0;
...
win = OpenWindow( &newwin );
win->UserPort = sharedport;
ModifyIDCMP( win, DESIRED_IDCMPFLAGS );
...
/* Open other windows the same way */
...
/* You must use CloseWindowSafely() to close
windows with shared IDCMP ports -- CloseWindow()
alone is unsafe... */
CloseWindowSafely( win );
```

Notice that this code uses the function `CloseWindowSafely()` (see the `CloseWindow()` *Autodoc* for the code). This function is specially designed to clean up after a window that shares an IDCMP port either with a window or some other inter-process communications customer. *Don't modify the loop in the `CloseWindow()` Autodoc! It is correct.* Some people think they see a bug there (one iteration too many), but they're wrong.

*Q: How do I provide a Zorro II 24-bit DMA device with a few bytes of memory on any machine?*

**A:** Call the `AllocMem()` function using the new (for 2.0) `MEMF_24BITDMA` flag defined in `<exec/memory.h>`. (It is much like `MEMF_CHIP` and `MEMF_FAST` only for 24BITDMA...)

*Q: but what if I'm using a 1.3 system?*

**A:** If you can `AllocMem()` with the `MEMF_24BITDMA` flag, the pre-2.0 `AllocMem()` will still check for that flag. You could write a utility that, under pre-2.0 systems, adds the `MEMF_24BITDMA` flag to a memory header's `MH_ATTRIBUTES` field of the 24-bit memory areas.

*Q: With some programs I get a lot of enforcer hits (write-long) at addresses \$180, \$184, \$188, etc. with PC in ROM at location \$F830C. Why?*

**A:** See the *Autodoc* for `exec.library/Alert`. This is where `exec` stores the processor registers when there is an alert caused by a processor trap. You should be able to make some guesses about what's wrong with your program by looking at the register values being written. The Guru Number is in D7.

*Q: Commodore has publicly stated that applications should not make specific use of the PMMU. Is this correct?*

**A:** Yes. While tools/hacks sometimes use the PMMU (such as *Enforcer*) they can not be expected to work when the system itself starts to use the PMMU. The PMMU is a supervisor-space feature of the CPU and, for it to do what it does, it must remain a system controlled resource. If you wish to do MMU-related things in an OS and processor compatible manner, use the function calls available in 2.04 (such as `CachePreDMA()`, `CacheControlU()`, etc). These will do their best to "do the right thing" on all OS/CPU combinations.

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