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20          ; Basic Master Boot Record code with conditional use of extended int 13h.
21          ; It does some more validity checks than standard on an active CHS partition.
22          ; Master boot record routine at CYL=0, HEAD=0, SECT=1
23          ; Upon execution reg values are: DL=drive, IP=7C00h, CS=0000h
24          0000 tboot segment
25                assume cs:tboot,ds:tboot
26
27          7C00 org 7C00h
28          = 7C00 loadadr equ $
29          0600 org 600h
30          ; Initialize stack
31          0600 33 C9 mbr: xor cx,cx
32          0602 FA cli ;prevent interrupts during stack relocate
33          0603 8E D1 mov ss,cx ;set stack segment
34          0605 BC 7C00 R mov sp,offset loadadr ;set stack to before this area
35          0608 FB sti ;allow interrupts again
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38      ; Copy this code from 7C00h to 0600h, to free up area for chain boot
39      0609  8E D9      mov     ds,cx    ;set source segment
40      060B  8B F4      mov     si,sp    ;and offset
41      060D  8E C1      mov     es,cx    ;set destination segment
42      060F  BF 0600 R  mov     di,offset mbr ;and offset
43      0612  B5 01      mov     ch,1h   ;256 words
44      0614  FC          cld          ;increment string operations
45      0615  F3/ A5     rep movsw      ;move this code from address 7C00h to 600h
46      0617  E9 905D R  jmp     near ptr cont+(mbr-loadadr) ;near jump will do nicely
47
48      061A  43 6F 70 79 72 69      db     'Copyright (C) 2021 Ton Daas',0
49              67 68 74 20 28 43
50              29 20 32 30 32 31
51              20 54 6F 6E 20 44
52              61 61 73 00
53
54      ; partition CHS type list
55      = 0001      fat12 equ 01h    ;11h if hidden, <32Mb
56      = 0004      fat16 equ 04h    ;14h if hidden, >32Mb <500Mb
57      = 0005      extend equ 05h   ;15h if hidden, extended partition
58      = 0006      fat16b equ 06h   ;16h if hidden, >32Mb <2Gb
59      = 000B      fat32 equ 0Bh    ;1Bh if hidden, <2Gb
60      = 0010      hidden equ 10h   ;hidden bit for above types
61      = 0080      bootflg equ 80h
62
63      ; types that have hidden equivalent
64      0636  01 04 05 06 0B      dostype db fat12,fat16,extend,fat16b,fat32 ;types that use chs value
65      = 0005      chslen equ $-dostype
66
67      ; Subroutine to convert CHS to LBA and subtract first LBA
68      ; On entry AL= Head, DX= Cyl & Sector, CX= tracksize, BP= cylsize
69      ; On exit AX:DX= sector difference with first LBA, CX and BP preserved
70      063B      chs2lba proc near
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71      063B  F6 E1          mul     cl      ;multiply with # sectors/track (result fits word)
72      063D  97           xchg   di,ax   ;mov # full track sectors to DI
73      063E  8A C2          mov     al,dl   ;copy low byte cyl & sector (has high cyl bits)
74      0640  B4 00          mov     ah,0
75      0642  D1 E0          shl     ax,1    ;shift 2 cyl bits into AH
76      0644  D1 E0          shl     ax,1
77      0646  8A C6          mov     al,dh   ;get low byte cyl in AL
78      0648  81 E2 003F      and     dx,3Fh  ;isolate sector value
79      064C  4A           dec     dx      ;make first sector base 0
80      064D  03 FA          add     di,dx   ;add to full track sectors
81      064F  F7 E5          mul     bp      ;convert Cyl to LBA in AX:DX (may require 3 bytes)
82      0651  03 C7          add     ax,di   ;add converted head+sector
83      0653  83 D2 00        adc     dx,0    ;take care of carry
84      0656  2B 44 08        sub     ax,[si+8] ;subtract first LBA
85      0659  1B 54 0A        sbb     dx,[si+10] ;as dword
86      065C  C3           ret
87      065D          chs2lba endp
88
89      ; Check bootflags and look for an active partition
90      065D  BF 07BE R      cont:  mov     di,offset table
91      0660  B9 0004        mov     cx,4
92      0663  B8 0080        mov     ax,bootflg ;bootflag in AL, AH=0
93      0666  0A 25          check: or     ah,[di] ;check empty bootflag field
94      0668  74 07          jz     next    ;active flag clear?
95      066A  32 C4          xor     al,ah  ;check valid bootflag and make future flags invalid
96      066C  75 6C          jnz    inval  ;invalid bootflag field?
97      066E  8B F7          mov     si,di  ;save table entry offset
98      0670  98           cbw         ;clear ah again
99      0671  8D 7D 10        next:  lea     di,[di+16]
100     0674  E2 F0          loop   check  ;not all 4 partitions done?
101     0676  A8 80          test    al,bootflg ;if an active partition was found,
102     0678  74 02          jz     chktyp ;then skip exit to basic and continue
103
104     ; Start ROM Basic or return to PC BIOS for next boot device
105     067A  CD 18          int     18h    ;exit to ROM Basic
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107      ; Analyze partition for CHS type
108      067C  8A 44 04      chktyp: mov     al,[si+4]      ;get partition type, is it unused?
109      067F  84 C0          test     al,al
110      0681  74 52          jz      noboot ;exit, as unused partition is not bootable
111      0683  24 EF          and     al,not hidden ;unhide if hidden CHS type
112      0685  BF 0636 R      mov     di,offset dostype
113      0688  B1 05          mov     cl,chslen
114      068A  F2/ AE        repne   scasb ;if type requires CHS boot,
115      068C  74 5E          je      rdchs ;then continue load with CHS
116
117      ; For all other types check for extended int13 support
118      068E  BB 55AA        mov     bx,55AAh ;fill with request signature
119      0691  B4 41          mov     ah,41h ;get extended int 13 support info; DL still has drive
120      0693  CD 13          int     13h
121      0695  72 55          jc      rdchs ;extension not found
122      0697  81 FB AA55      cmp     bx,0AA55h ;signature, AH=major version, DH=extension ver.
123      069B  75 4F          jne     rdchs ;requested support not installed
124      069D  F6 C1 01        test    cl,01h ;bit0=1 if int13,AH=42h supported
125      06A0  74 4A          jz      rdchs ;API subset not supported
126
127      ;Read bootrecord with extended int13 using LBA value
128      06A2  8B DC          mov     bx,sp ;get bootsector load address
129      06A4  B9 0005        mov     cx,5 ;set retry count=5
130      06A7  56            rtrylb: push    si ;save si
131      06A8  33 C0          xor     ax,ax
132      ;build address request packet
133      06AA  50            push   ax ;sector LBA 4th word (=0)
134      06AB  50            push   ax ;sector LBA 3rd word (=0)
135      06AC  FF 74 0A        push   [si+10] ;sector LBA 2nd word
136      06AF  FF 74 08        push   [si+8] ;sector LBA low word
137      06B2  06            push   es ;set buffer segment
138      06B3  53            push   bx ;and buffer offset
139      06B4  40            inc    ax ;set sector count=1
140      06B5  50            push   ax ;number of sectors (max.(7F))
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141      06B6  B0 10          mov     al,10h ;packet size
142      06B8  50          push    ax      ;high byte reserved (=0)
143      06B9  8B F4        mov     si,sp   ;DS:SI points to request address packet
144      06BB  B4 42        mov     ah,42h ;extended disk read; DL has drive number
145      06BD  CD 13        int     13h
146      06BF  72 04        jc      skip_ck
147      ; Check sector count read, as C is not set if sector not found error
148      06C1  83 7C 02 01    cmp     word ptr[si+2],1 ;also need to check actual count
149      06C5  8D 64 0E      skip_ck: lea    sp,[si+14] ;purge address request packet-lw from stack
150      06C8  58          pop     ax      ;restore AX with last word of packet (=0)
151      06C9  5E          pop     si      ;restore initial SI
152      06CA  73 73        jnc     readok ;if count < 1 then return C=1, else C=0
153      06CC  CD 13        int     13h    ;reset drive
154      06CE  E2 D7        loop   rtrylb ;try again until count exhausted
155      06D0  BE 0778 R     rdfail: mov    si,offset err_msg
156      06D3  EB 0F        jmp     short tty
157
158      06D5  BE 0798 R     noboot: mov   si,offset mis_msg
159      06D8  EB 0A        jmp     short tty
160
161      06DA  BE 0758 R     inval: mov   si,offset inv_msg
162      06DD  AC        lodsb
163
164      ; routine to write message text to screen
165      ; entrypoint is tty (or wrtty if AL already has first character to write)
166      ; on entry ds:si points to message to write (null terminates routine)
167      06DE  B3 07      wrtty: mov    bl,7 ;white
168      06E0  B4 0E      mov     ah,0Eh ;write teletype to active page
169      06E2  CD 10      int     10h    ;AL=character, BL=foreground color
170      06E4  AC        tty:  lodsb
171      06E5  3C 00      cmp     al,0
172      06E7  75 F5      jnz     wrtty ;end on nul
173      06E9  4E        dec     si
174      06EA  EB F8      jmp     short tty ;infinite loop on last 0
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176          ; Get traditional drive parameters and define cylsize and tracksize from it
177 06EC 52      rdchs: push    dx      ;save drive
178 06ED 06      push    es      ;save ES as some BIOS will destroy it
179 06EE B4 08   mov     ah,8h    ;get drive parameters
180 06F0 CD 13   int     13h     ;DL= # drives, DH= last head, CX= last cyl/sec
181 06F2 07      pop     es
182 06F3 5B      pop     bx      ;restore drive in BL
183 06F4 8A C6   mov     al,dh   ;get last head in AL
184 06F6 81 E1 003F and    cx,3Fh   ;filter track size in CX
185 06FA F6 E1   mul    cl      ;get cylinder size less one track
186 06FC 03 C1   add    ax,cx   ;add one track to get total cylinder size
187 06FE 95      xchg   bp,ax   ;move cylinder size to BP
188
189          ; Convert first CHS to LBA and check with first LBA
190 06FF 8A 44 01 mov    al,[si+1] ;get partition first head
191 0702 8B 54 02 mov    dx,[si+2] ;get partition first cyl & sec
192 0705 8A F8   mov    bh,al   ;save first head in BH, BL still has drive
193 0707 E8 063B R call   chs2lba
194 070A 0B C2   or     ax,dx   ;if not both words 0 (LBA values unequal),
195 070C 75 CC   jnz   inval   ;then quit
196
197          ; Convert last CHS to LBA and subtract with first LBA
198 070E 8A 44 05 mov    al,[si+5] ;get partition last head
199 0711 8B 54 06 mov    dx,[si+6] ;get partition last cyl & sec
200 0714 E8 063B R call   chs2lba  ;compute LBA size-1
201 0717 72 C1   jb    inval   ;if negative amount then quit
202
203          ; Check against LBA size (may be above CHS size if out of range for last CHS)
204 0719 2B 44 0C sub    ax,[si+12] ;dword result should have negative value
205 071C 1B 54 0E sbb   dx,[si+14]
206 071F 73 B9   jnb   inval   ;if CHS size-1 not below LBA size then quit
207
208          ; Read bootrecord of active partition using CHS values
209 0721 8B D3   mov    dx,bx   ;get saved drive and first head in DX
210 0723 8B 4C 02 mov    cx,[si+2] ;set CX to first sector & cyl
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211      0726  8B DC          mov     bx,sp   ;set ES:BX to buffer address 7C00h
212
213      ; Read AL mod 10 sector
214      ; AL/10= function (2-read), AL mod 10= sector count
215      0728  B0 15          mov     al,21   ;read partition bootsector
216      072A  B4 08          mov     ah,100h shr 5 ;initialize retry count to 5
217      072C  8B F8          int13r: mov    di,ax   ;save request and current retry count
218      072E  D4 0A          aam          ;split value in request in AH and sector count in AL
219      0730  CD 13          int     13h    ;do disk request
220      0732  73 0B          jnc    readok  ;if no error, continue validity check
221      0734  B4 00          mov     ah,0   ;else reset disk system
222      0736  CD 13          int     13h    ;perform disk reset
223      0738  97             xchg   ax,di   ;reload request and retry count
224      0739  D0 E4          shl    ah,1    ;do untill bit shifts out into carry
225      073B  73 EF          jnc    int13r  ;if no carry yet, then retry
226      073D  EB 91          jmp    short rdfail
227
228      ; Check for valid boot record signature
229      073F  81 BF 01FE AA55  readok: cmp   word ptr[bx+(bootid-mbr)],0AA55h
230      0745  75 8E          jne    noboot
231      0747  FF D3          call   bx      ;execute partitions boot record
232      ;upon exit DS:SI points to booted partition table entry
233      0749  E9 067C R      jmp    chktyp
234
235      074C      0C [          db     158h-($-mbr) dup (0) ;fill unused space
236              00
237              ]
238
239      0758  49 6E 76 61 6C 69  inv_msg db   'Invalid partition table'
240              64 20 70 61 72 74
241              69 74 69 6F 6E 20
242              74 61 62 6C 65
243      076F      09 [          db     32-($-inv_msg) dup (0) ;allow enough space for message patching
244              00
245              ]
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246
247 0778 45 72 72 6F 72 20      err_msg db      'Error loading operating system'
248      6C 6F 61 64 69 6E
249      67 20 6F 70 65 72
250      61 74 69 6E 67 20
251      73 79 73 74 65 6D
252 0796      02 [                db      32-($-err_msg) dup (0) ;allow enough space for message patching
253      00
254      ]
255
256 0798 4D 69 73 73 69 6E      mis_msg db      'Missing operating system'
257      67 20 6F 70 65 72
258      61 74 69 6E 67 20
259      73 79 73 74 65 6D
260 07B0      05 [                db      1B5h-($-mbr) dup (0) ;fill unused space
261      00
262      ]
263
264 07B5 58 78 98                db      low offset inv_msg,low offset err_msg,low offset mis_msg
265 07B8      06 [                NT_sign db      6 dup (0) ;Windows NT signature
266      00
267      ]
268
269 07BE      40 [                table db      64 dup (0)
270      00
271      ]
272
273 07FE AA55                bootid dw      0AA55h
274 0800                tboot ends
275                end
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