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17          ; Tiny Boot Select is a manager that resides entirely in the master boot record.
18          ; It allows the user to choose from up to four partitions he wants to boot from,
19          ; or revert to PC-BIOS for starting ROM-Basic or a subsequent boot device.
20          ; Dos/Win partitions can be hidden, to allow for multiple primary partitions.
21          ; The selected partition will be unhidden, hiding other conflicting partitions.
22          ; It supports FAT12, FAT16, NTFS, FAT32, partitions >2GB and disks >8GB, <2TB.
23          ; It is a modified version of Tiny Boot Manager, to suit MS Windows 7-10.
24          ; This means that the master boot record will be saved with the last selected
25          ; partition marked active. Consequently the user prompt will always be shown and
26          ; unused table entries and an extended partition are treated as invalid choices.
27          ;=====
28          tbootssel segment
29              assume cs:tbootssel,ds:tbootssel
30              org     7C00h
31              loadadr equ $
32              org     600h
33
34          ; Master boot record routine at CYL=0, HEAD=0, SECT=1
35          ; Upon execution reg values are: CS=0000h, IP=7C00h, DL=drive
36          ; Initialize stack and relocate code from 7C00h to this address at 0600h
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36      0600      mbr      proc      near
37      0600      FC          cld
38      0601      33 C9      xor      cx,cx
39      0603      8E D9      mov      ds,cx ;set source segment
40      0605      BE 7C00 R    mov      si,offset loadadr ;set source offset loaded code
41      0608      8E C1      mov      es,cx ;set destination segment
42      060A      BF 0600 R    mov      di,offset mbr ;and target offset
43      060D      FA          cli          ;prevent interrupts prior to changing stack location
44      060E      8E D1      mov      ss,cx ;set stack segment
45      0610      8B E6      mov      sp,si ;set stack to before source area
46      0612      B5 01      mov      ch,1h ;256 words
47      0614      F3/ A5     rep movsw ;move this code from address 7C00h to 600h
48      0616      FB          sti          ;allow interrupts after string move
49      0617      E9 9045 R    jmp      near ptr cont-loadadr+mbr ;near jump will do nicely
50
51      ; Ascii special characters
52      = 0007      bel      equ      07h
53      = 000A      lf       equ      0Ah
54      = 000D      cr       equ      0Dh
55      = 001B      escape  equ      1Bh
56
57      ; Recognized partition type list
58      = 0001      fat12   equ      01h ;11h if hidden, <32Mb
59      = 0004      fat16   equ      04h ;14h if hidden, >32Mb <500Mb
60      = 0005      extend equ      05h ;extended
61      = 0006      fat16b  equ      06h ;16h if hidden, >32Mb <2Gb
62      = 0007      ntfs    equ      07h ;17h if hidden
63      = 000B      fat32   equ      0Bh ;1Bh if hidden, <2Gb
64      = 000C      f32lba  equ      0Ch ;C/H/S=unused, relative sector=LBA
65      = 000E      f16lba  equ      0Eh ;C/H/S=unused, relative sector=LBA
66      = 000F      extlba  equ      0Fh ;C/H/S=unused, relative sector=LBA
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68      = 0010      hidden  equ      10h ;single bit is set in DOS partition types
69      = 0080      bootflg equ      80h
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71      ; Types that have hidden equivalent
72      061A 01 04 06 0B      dostype db      fat12,fat16,fat16b,fat32
73      = 0004                chslen equ     $-dostype      ;dos types that use chs method
74      061E 0E 0C                db      f16lba,f32lba  ;dos types that use lba method
75      0620 07                db      ntfs          ;type supports both
76      = 0007                typelen equ    $-dostype
77
78      ; Routine to read or write 1 sector
79      ; AH= function (2-read or 3-write)
80      0621 B0 08      int13: mov     al,100h shr 5 ;initialize retry count to 5
81      0623 8B F8      int13r: mov     di,ax
82      0625 B0 01                mov     al,1      ;specify one sector transfer
83      0627 CD 13                int     13h
84      0629 73 09                jnc     ret13
85      062B B4 00                mov     ah,0      ;reset disk system
86      062D CD 13                int     13h
87      062F 97                xchg   ax,di
88      0630 D0 E0                shl    al,1
89      0632 73 EF                jnc    int13r ;try al shift times
90      0634 C3      ret13: ret
91
92      ; Routine to write text to screen; exits with ds:si pointing at 0
93      ; Entrypoint is tty (or wrtty if AL already has first character to write)
94      ; Entrypoint is ttyeol to output only AL followed by end of line
95      ; On entry ds:si points to message to write (null terminates routine)
96      0635 BE 07AC R      ttyeol: mov    si,offset crlf
97      0638 B3 07      wrtty:  mov    bl,7      ;white
98      063A B4 0E                mov    ah,0Eh ;write teletype to active page
99      063C CD 10                int    10h ;AL=character, BL=foreground color
100     063E AC      tty:    lodsb
101     063F 3C 00                cmp    al,0
102     0641 75 F5                jnz    wrtty ;end on nul
103     0643 4E                dec    si ;set pointer back to trailing 0
104     0644 C3                ret
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106          ; Look for an active partition
107      0645  BF 0040      cont:  mov     di,4*16 ;initialize as invalid at end of table
108      0648  8D 75 F0      lea     si,[di-16] ;set search index at last entry
109      064B  B8 0080      mov     ax,bootflg ;load valid bootflag, clear AH
110      064E  86 A4 07BE R  chk_bf: xchg   ah,table[si] ;get bootflag in AH, clear in table
111      0652  84 E4      test   ah,ah ;check for empty bootflag field
112      0654  74 07      jz     next ;active flag clear?
113      0656  32 C4      xor    al,ah ;check valid bootflag and make future flags invalid
114      0658  75 0E      jnz   inval ;invalid bootflag field?
115      065A  8B FE      mov    di,si ;save current active table entry offset
116      065C  98      cbw    ;clear ah
117      065D  83 EE 10     next:  sub    si,16
118      0660  73 EC      jnc   chk_bf ;not all 4 partitions done?
119      0662  BE 0757 R   mov    si,offset prompt
120      0665  AC      lodsb
121      0666  EB 10      jmp   short rdkey ;go and prompt user for selection
122
123      0668  BE 0776 R   inval: mov   si,offset inv_msg
124      066B  E9 072A R   jmp   abend
125
126          ; Exit to BIOS to start ROM Basic or subsequent boot device
127      066E  E8 0635 R   basic: call  ttyeol ;show entered keystroke in AL to user
128      0671  CD 18      int    18h ;start ROM Basic
129
130          ; Prompt user to select a partition
131      0673  BE 07AE R   reask: mov   si,offset null
132      0676  B0 07      mov    al,bel ;load bel char
133      0678  E8 0638 R   rdkey: call  wrtty
134      067B  B4 00      mov    ah,0 ;read keyboard
135      067D  CD 16      int    16h ;AL=ascii, AH=scancode
136      067F  3C 1B      cmp    al,escape ;Esc char
137      0681  74 EB      je     basic ;esc key pressed?
138      0683  8B E8      mov    bp,ax ;save keystroke
139      0685  2C 31      sub    al,'1' ;convert numeric 1 base ascii to binary 0 base
140      0687  A8 FC      test   al,not 3h ;if not within 0 to 3,
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141      0689  75 E8          jnz    reask    ;invalid choice, reask user
142      068B  B4 10          mov    ah,16
143      068D  F6 E4          mul    ah      ;convert to table entry offset
144      068F  96             xchg   si,ax   ;transfer offset to SI
145
146      ; Is selection unused or an extended partition?
147      0690  BB 07BE R      mov    bx,offset table
148      0693  8A 40 04      mov    al,[si+bx+4] ;get partition type
149      0696  84 C0          test   al,al   ;if it is an unused entry?
150      0698  74 D9          jz     reask    ;then reask
151      069A  3C 05          cmp    al,extend ;if extended dos partition choosen?
152      069C  74 D5          je     reask    ;then reask
153      069E  3C 0F          cmp    al,extlba ;if extended lba dos partition choosen?
154      06A0  74 D1          je     reask    ;then reask
155
156      ; Mark selected partition active
157      06A2  C6 00 80      mov    byte ptr [si+bx],bootflg
158      06A5  3B F7          cmp    si,di   ;if selection is same as previous,
159      06A7  8D 30          lea   si,[si+bx]
160      06A9  74 34          je     no_chg   ;then no need to update MBR
161
162      ; Unhide partition if selected partition is hidden dostype
163      06AB  34 10          xor    al,hidden ;unhide any hidden partition
164      06AD  BF 061A R      mov    di,offset dostype
165      06B0  B9 0007      mov    cx,typelen
166      06B3  F2/ AE      repne scasb
167      06B5  75 1C          jne   wrtchg   ;selected partition other than hidden dostype?
168
169      ; Hide any other unhidden dos partition
170      06B7  3B DE      hide:  cmp    bx,si
171      06B9  74 0C          je     unhide   ;selected partition?
172      06BB  8A 47 04      mov    al,[bx+4]
173      06BE  BF 061A R      mov    di,offset dostype
174      06C1  B1 07          mov    cl,typelen
175      06C3  F2/ AE      repne scasb
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176      06C5  75 04                jne    skphid ;already hidden or non dos?
177      06C7  80 77 04 10          unhide: xor    byte ptr[bx+4],hidden ;hide partition
178      06CB  8D 5F 10          skphid: lea   bx,[bx+16]
179      06CE  80 FB FE                cmp    bl,low offset table+64
180      06D1  72 E4                jb     hide
181
182      ; Write changed partition table back to master boot record
183      06D3  BB 0600 R          wrtchg: mov   bx,offset mbr ;buffer address
184      06D6  B6 00                mov    dh,0 ;set head=0, drive number is still in DL
185      06D8  B1 01                mov    cl,1 ;set sector=1 and cylinder=0 (assume CH=0)
186      06DA  B4 03                mov    ah,3 ;write back master boot record
187      06DC  E8 0621 R          call   int13 ;continue even with error
188
189      ; Output selection to user
190      06DF  56                no_chg: push  si ;save si
191      06E0  95                xchg  ax,bp ;reload keystroke and save table entry in BP
192      06E1  E8 0635 R          call  ttyeol ;show selection choice
193      06E4  5E                pop   si ;restore si
194
195      ; Analyze partition type
196      ;     mov    al,[si+4] ;get partition type
197      ;     mov    di,offset dostype
198      ;     mov    cl,chslen
199      ;     repne scasb ;is active partition chs type?
200      ;     je     rdchs ;read partition traditional chs style
201
202      ; For all other types check for extended int 13h support
203      06E5  BB 55AA          mov    bx,55AAh ;fill with request signature
204      06E8  B4 41          mov    ah,41h ;get extended int 13 support info; DL still has drive
205      06EA  CD 13          int    13h
206      06EC  72 41          jc     rdchs ;extension not found
207      06EE  81 FB AA55      cmp    bx,0AA55h ;signature, AH=major version, DH=extension ver.
208      06F2  75 3B          jne   rdchs ;requested support not installed
209      06F4  F6 C1 01        test  cl,01h ;bit0=1 if int13,AH=42h supported
210      06F7  74 36          jz    rdchs ;API subset not supported
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211
212           ; Read bootrecord with extended interrupt 13h
213     06F9  8B DC           mov     bx,sp   ;get bootsector load address
214     06FB  B9 0005        mov     cx,5    ;set retrycount
215     06FE  56             retrlb: push  si    ;save si
216     06FF  33 C0         xor     ax,ax
217           ; Build address request packet
218     0701  50             push   ax      ;sector 4th word
219     0702  50             push   ax      ;sector 3rd word
220     0703  FF 74 0A        push   [si+10] ;sector 2nd word
221     0706  FF 74 08        push   [si+8]  ;sector low word
222     0709  06             push   es      ;buffer segment
223     070A  53             push   bx      ;buffer offset
224     070B  40             inc    ax
225     070C  50             push   ax      ;number of sectors (max.(7F))
226     070D  B0 10          mov    al,10h  ;packet size
227     070F  50             push   ax      ;high byte reserved (=0)
228     0710  8B F4          mov    si,sp   ;DS:SI points to request address packet
229     0712  B4 42          mov    ah,42h  ;extended disk read; DL has drive number
230     0714  CD 13          int    13h
231     0716  72 04          jc     skip_ck ;if CF then AH=errorcode else AH=0
232           ; Check sector count read, as CF is not set if sector not found error
233     0718  83 7C 02 01     cmp    word ptr[si+2],1 ;also need to check actual count
234     071C  8D 64 0E       skip_ck: lea   sp,[si+14] ;purge address request packet from stack
235     071F  58             pop    ax      ;and last word of package into AX
236     0720  5E             pop    si      ;restore si
237     0721  73 1B          jnc    readok
238     0723  CD 13          int    13h    ;reset disk system
239     0725  E2 D7          loop   retrlb
240     0727  BE 078E R      rdfail: mov   si,offset err_msg
241     072A  E8 063E R      abend: call  tty
242     072D  EB FB          jmp    short abend ;loop on last 0
243
244           ; Read bootrecord of active partition
245     072F  8B DC          rdchs: mov   bx,sp ;set ES:BX to buffer address 7C00h
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246      0731  8A 74 01          mov     dh,[si+1]      ;set head number, DL still has drive number
247      0734  8B 4C 02          mov     cx,[si+2]      ;set sector & cyl
248      0737  B4 02             mov     ah,2          ;read partition bootsector
249      0739  E8 0621 R         call    int13
250      073C  72 E9             jc      rdfail
251      073E  81 BF 01FE AA55      readok: cmp    word ptr [bx+(bootid-mbr)],0AA55h
252      0744  75 02             jne    noboot
253      0746  FF E3             jmp     bx            ;execute partitions boot record
254      ; Upon exit DS:SI points to booted partition table entry
255
256      0748  BE 0794 R         noboot: mov    si,offset mis_msg
257      074B  8B FE             mov     di,si
258      074D  B8 694D             mov     ax,'iM'
259      0750  AB                stosw    ;replace first characters with 'Miss'
260      0751  B8 7373             mov     ax,'ss'
261      0754  AB                stosw
262      0755  EB D3             jmp     short abend
263
264      0757  53 74 61 72 74 20      prompt db    'Start partition (1-4 or Esc)?:',0
265              70 61 72 74 69 74
266              69 6F 6E 20 28 31
267              2D 34 20 6F 72 20
268              45 73 63 29 3F 3A
269              00
270      0776  49 6E 76 61 6C 69      inv_msg db   'Invalid partition table',0
271              64 20 70 61 72 74
272              69 74 69 6F 6E 20
273              74 61 62 6C 65 00
274      078E  45 72 72 6F 72 20      err_msg db   'Error ' ;loading operating system'
275      0794  6C 6F 61 64 69 6E      mis_msg db   'loading operating system' ;first 4 characters could be patched
276              67 20 6F 70 65 72
277              61 74 69 6E 67 20
278              73 79 73 74 65 6D
279      07AC  0D 0A             crlf    db    cr,lf ;should be terminated by zero
280      07AE    07 [          null    db    1B5h-( $\$$ -mbr) dup (0) ;fill unused space
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281             00
282             ]
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284     07B5  76 8E 94             db    low offset inv_msg, low offset err_msg, low offset mis_msg
285     07B8      06 [             db    6 dup (0)           ;Windows NT signature
286             00
287             ]
288
289     07BE      40 [             table db    64 dup (0)
290             00
291             ]
292
293     07FE  AA55             bootid dw    0AA55h
294     0800             mbr     endp
295     0800             tbootse1 ends
296             end
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