

# DOS/65 - an interesting operating system with file system compatibility to CP/M-80 (and other similarities)

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## • Why not CP/M also for 6502 CPU's ?

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*From the system description of DOS/65:*

"What I (Richard A. Leary) have done is attack the software side of the problem in order to make any 6502 system a truly workable disk based system. In addition a degree of compatibility is now possible not only between 6502 systems but with large parts of the world of CP/M systems. The result of my efforts is a system of software which I have named DOS/65."

Richard's implementation is initially made for S-100 based systems, but he began to port it to the C64 also (see below).

DOS/65 has a lot of CP/M look-alike commands for the command line and also some applications like BASIC-E included.

Of course some differences between CP/M-80 and DOS/65 exist - the lowest memory areas (e.g. the "zero page") are not usable for the TPA, so the usable system memory area starts at a higher address (e.g. \$0400).

Documentation files:

Source code files (6502 Assembler):

BASIC-E compiler and runtime: *very useful !*

[BASICE\\_COMP-RT.zip](#)

Useful info for a port to C64 can be found at the [C64 CP/M page](#), Richard converting PDFs to readable assembler files, thank you again, Richard !

### **A working copy of a C64 port of DOS/65 !!**

Richard has prepared two .D64 files (now updated):

[DOS65-1C.D64](#) (Bootdisk with updated SIM C64S304.ASM)

[DOS65A.D64](#) (Blank disk)

Load the bootdisk with: LOAD "DOS65",8,1:RUN

See for some [advice](#) using the assembler in the above PDF manual now.

The new source files are zipped now in one file: [newsources.zip](#)

He has written a sample BASIC/E program [FILESTAT.BAS](#) also.

Some screenshots:

Before boot but disk already inserted...

```
**** COMMODORE 64 BASIC V2 ****
64K RAM SYSTEM 38911 BASIC BYTES FREE
READY.
LOAD"$",8
SEARCHING FOR $
LOADING
READY.
LIST
0 DOS/65 DISK " 65 1A
1 "DOS65" PRG
0 BLOCKS FREE.
READY.
LOAD"DOS65",8,1
SEARCHING FOR DOS65
LOADING
READY.
RUN
DOS65-1A.D64 in drive 8
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...after boot:

```
C64 52K DOS/65 2.15 SIM 3.02
A>dir
A:C64S302 .ASM A:COPY .COM
A:DEBUG .COM A:FILESTAT.BAS
A:SYSGEN .COM A:ALLOC .COM
A:EDIT .COM A:COMPILE .COM
A:RUN .COM A:MAKECOM .COM
A:COMPARE .COM A:ASM .COM
A:C64B211 .ASM A:C64L210 .ASM
A>
DOS65-1A.D64 in drive 8
after loaded system and after typed "dir"
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New ! [Screenshot](#) of running DOS/65 on a SX-64 with 1541 Ultimate.

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