UEFI Proof of Concept – Demonstration

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What is UEFI?

- UEFI stands for Unified Extensible Firmware Interface
- A long time coming transition away from the BIOS and VGA.
- Transition:
 - 1. UEFI-only systems still provide Compatibility Support Module (CSM).
 - 2. Intel will phase out CSM support by January 1st 2020.

UEFI-only system and ArcaOS

- Intel will not instantly cut off CSM support. (Windows 7 still needs CSM!)
- ArcaOS does not depend fully on BIOS calls as DOS does.
- Main issues:
 - INT10 (VGA hardware) going away
 - INT13 (disk I/O via BIOS) going away

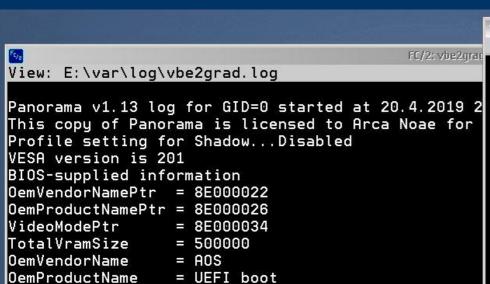
UEFI POC support for ArcaOS

. Remember: Proof of Concept

- EFI loader with minimal BIOS support.
 - BIOS call needed for ACPI.PSD to load APCI tables.
 - INT10 and VESA support Panorama loads without changes!
- BVHVGA.DLL replaced with BVHEFI.DLL (VGA hardware going away).
- Boot of ArcaOS preload files via UEFI disk services.

What Works

- Preloading OS/2 system files via UEFI disk services before ArcaOS boots (INT13 not used)
- Display text output during ArcaOS boot.
- Full screen and OS/2 text window works.
- Example low level support: text TRAP screen
- PMSHELL loads with DIVE support working. (Next screenshot)



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Potential further development

List is subject to change (Proof of Concept)!

- Load system files from partition.
- VDM suport (DOS/WIN-OS/2 support)
 - VSVGA.SYS accesses VGA hardware directly
- Memory dump support

Demonstration!

- Remember: it is a proof of concept!
- Demonstration shows that:
 - ArcaOS can boot on systems running in UEFI only mode.
 - Major system components working.

Questions!

- Questions?
- I am not the developer! Please be gentle :-)