

**Some laptops require these changes in Windows to make DOS programs run.**

Here is the registry change that worked for me.

Open Registry Editor

Go to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\VxD\VCMM

Change "EnablePowerManagement" value to 00,00,00,00. (It will most likely be set to 01,00,00,00).

Also may want to try this also:

Try adding one of these lines to the [386Enh] section of system.ini

COM1AutoAssign=<number-or-seconds

COM2AutoAssign=<number-or-seconds

COM3AutoAssign=<number-or-seconds

COM4AutoAssign=<number-or-seconds

Default: 2

Purpose: Indicates the contention detection values for each connected serial port. These values are used by Windows to determine how to arbitrate requests for the use of a device by more than one application, at least one of which is a non-Windows application. If the value is -1, Windows will display a warning message that asks you which application should be given control of the port. If the value is zero, any application can use the device at any time. If the value is a positive integer less than 1,000, this value represents the number of seconds after an application stops using the device before another application can use the same device.

See also TN660 for further information.