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7.2. Mailing Lists

The Bochs community uses three mailing lists to communicate, called bochs-developers, bochs-cvs and bochs-announce.

7.2.1. bochs-developers mailing list

Bochs-developers is the forum for all Bochs discussions and questions. On average, subscribers get between five and ten messages per day. There are about 350 subscribers. If this sounds like too much email, maybe the [bochs-announce list](http://docs.google.com/mailinglist.html#BOCHS-ANNOUNCE) is more appropriate for you. Anyone may join the list, unless they abuse it of course.

To subscribe, go to the [Bochs-Developers Info Page](http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/bochs-developers) and type your email address and a password into the web form and click **Subscribe**. In a few minutes you will get a confirmation email. Follow the directions in the email to complete the subscription process. To unsubscribe, go to the [same page](http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/bochs-developers) and type your email address in the blank at the bottom and click on **Edit Options**. Then type your password and click **Unsubscribe**.

Once you have subscribed, you can write to <[bochs-developers@lists.sourceforge.net](mailto:bochs-developers@lists.sourceforge.net)> to send a message to everyone on the list. While it's possible to post without being a subscriber, it's not recommended. If you aren't a subscriber, you might miss the response to your question.

[Archive of bochs-developers messages](http://sourceforge.net/mailarchive/forum.php?forum_name=bochs-developers)

7.2.2. bochs-announce mailing list

Bochs-announce is a moderated, low-traffic list which carries only periodic announcements of Bochs releases and important events. If you have a very important and truly relevant Bochs announcement, you can try posting it to bochs-announce, but the moderator will have to approve it before it will go out. On average, bochs-announce subscribers get one or two messages per month. There are about 75 subscribers. Anyone may join the list.

To subscribe, go to the [Bochs-Announce Info Page](http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/bochs-announce) and type your email address and a password into the web form and click **Subscribe**. In a few minutes you will get a confirmation email. Follow the directions in the email to complete the subscription process. To unsubscribe, go to the [same page](http://lists.sourceforge.net/lists/listinfo/bochs-announce) and type your email address in the blank at the bottom and click on **Edit Options**. Then type your password and click **Unsubscribe**.

There is no need to subscribe to both lists, because all bochs-announce messages are forwarded to the developers list. If you subscribe to both, you will get 2 copies of every announcement.

[Archive of bochs-announce messages](http://sourceforge.net/mailarchive/forum.php?forum_name=bochs-announce)

7.2.3. bochs-cvs mailing list

This is the svn commit mailinglist (a unified diff email will be sent whenever someone does a checkin in the bochs SVN repository).

[Archive of bochs-cvs messages](http://sourceforge.net/mailarchive/forum.php?forum_name=bochs-cvs)

7.2.4. Mailing List Etiquette

Here are a few guidelines for use of the Bochs mailing lists:

* Please check the documentation before asking questions, but on this list you are very UNLIKELY to get flamed and insulted for being a Bochs beginner. Sending commercial promotions to the list probably will get you some angry responses though.
* If you are having difficulty finding what you are looking for, try doing a search on [Google](http://www.google.com). If you are searching for Bochs options, for example, you can use this syntax in the Google search box:  
  configuration options site:bochs.sourceforge.netFor best results, be sure not to put a space between "site:" and "bochs.sourceforge.net". Be sure to look at more than the first item on the search results.
* If you still cannot find what you are looking for, be sure you are prepared when you post your question, and post in the right forum. Be sure you include important details, such as the operating system and version of your host, and what it is you are trying to do. If you are getting errors or something is not working, summarize what you checked and what you changed. This will help isolate the problem.
* Bochs is for everyone. If you are an experienced Bochs user or developer and are helping someone else, be considerate of the other person's feelings. We share a common interest, and we need to encourage each other and be supportive.
* Also, keep in mind that messages are limited to 40K, so if you want to share a large screen shot or disk image, put it on a web or FTP site and tell people how to find it. Patches are usually small enough that they aren't a problem, especially if compressed.
* Distribution of copyrighted material, or even offers to distribute copyrighted material WILL NOT be tolerated. The Bochs Project does not distribute any software (disk images) in violation of the license agreement, and users who do so will be warned first and then blocked from the list if it happens again. As an open source project, we rely on donated services from Source Forge and other groups, and we can't afford to put them or ourselves at risk of legal action.
* It is possible to subscribe and unsubscribe by email. If you do this, you must write to bochs-announce-request or bochs-developers-request. Don't forget the "-request" part or your subscribe message will go to 300+ people.

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