

Special advance screening of five seconds of True Lies

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In response to *Perhaps the movies made too literal a translation*, Steve Sinofsky reminded me that everybody at Microsoft got a special advance screening of the movie *True Lies*, or at least five seconds' worth. The computer that Arnold Schwarzenegger's character infiltrates runs the Arabic version of Windows 3.1, and the Arabic version of Word 6 appeared on screen as well. Steve was in charge of the Office division at the time and managed to get permission to show a clip from a rough cut of the movie at the 1994 company meeting. He explains, "I had to run to the airport and pick up a beta tape, show it at the meeting, and then return it via air-courier." It was like some sort of spy movie.

Oh, wait.

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