CP

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1.2   What is CP?

            CP is the most advanced, feature-packed kid's package currently ←
               available on
any system.

That is what they will say when the full version is released!!

Incorporating full-screen animation with an advanced GUI and full
customisation, CP truly represents the ultimate in children's software.

Add a wealth of fun-packed features and you can't help wondering why
something this great hasn't been done before!

CP is currently at version 0.206, with the great 0.25 under construction.

Only the paint package side of the software is available at this stage, but
more and more parts of the system will be included as version after version
is released.

Just take a look at the section
                features
                 to see why CP represents a new era
in software childrens software.

PLEASE NOT THAT CP IS SHAREWARE AND AS SUCH, HAS CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.
TO REMOVE THESE RESTRICTIONS YOU MUST
                REGISTER
                .

N.B. IF YOU USE THIS PREVIEW VERSION AT ALL YOU MUST AT LEAST SEND AN E-MAIL
TO US WITH YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

1.3   CP's Main Features

Please note that this section mainly refers to the features of the
FINISHED version of CP. As each new version is completed, they will
become more and more like the descriptions below.

Advanced Interface **

When finished, CP will have the most advanced interface ever created
on ANY platform.

Its incredible GUI will be very easy to use and understand while
remaining extremely responsive.

A major feature of CP's intuitive interface will be the revolutionary
use of amazing full-screen animations to perform almost every task.

The use of animation means that children can enjoy a level of
interaction with the software never seen before in any other program.

Imagine being able to interact with the very characters that guide you
through the software... asking them what a certain button does, getting
them to do some crazy acts or even tickling them with your mouse and
chasing them round the screen!

No other software has ever attempted to achieve this level of
interaction and enjoyment before. It will truly be the ultimate activity
and learning environment for kids!!

Fully Customisable! **

Another great feature of CP is its ability to configure itself according
to whoever is using the program.

Almost every aspect of the software can be configured, helping to
ensure that children using the software will have the best experience
possible.

The easy to use preferences program covers such topics as Users,
Graphics, System, Tools, Music/Sound and User's Skill, all with many
individual options.

This means that the software can adjust perfectly to whoever is using it,
right down to the way things are displayed, how tasks are performed
and what the users are limited to doing!!

Exceptionally Intelligent ***

CP just goes from strength to strength!!
Tying all CPs great features together is the incredibly intelligent
internal system routines designed to help the user get the best out
of the software with minimum fuss and maximum efficiency.

Once completed, they should be able to cope with most errors in such
a fluid fashion that the user won't even have to be alerted as to what
has happened.

This is all part of Mystique's great concept that the user should be
hidden from the internal workings as much as possible so that he/she
may get on with actually using and enjoying the software.

Great Graphics **

CP is very graphic intensive and has an excellent, easy-to-use GUI
that your children will love.

Great care has been taken to make sure that the GUI's layout is as
simple and effective as possible.

The children can even choose from a set of different themed GUIs
including standard, paint, army, flowers and cartoons!! (With possibly
more to come).

Great Sound **

No fully interactive animated interface would be complete without a
great sound system.

CP will have sounds for every function and animation giving the whole
program a more involving feeling for the children.

Several musical tracks will be written for the software to suit a number
of different tastes in background music!

Plenty To Do! **

CP will be a full suite of software for kids incorporated into one package
- a kind of one-stop shop!!

Currently it consists only of an early version of the Paint package but
will go on to include many games, utilities and educational programs, all
fluidly integrated into the one great package!!

Fantastic Help System **

An integral part of the interface will be the online help system available
at any time.

Interactive animations will be used to help explain any features not
understood ensuring that children won't need anyone beside them
while they use the program.

Comprehensive Documentation **************************************

CP will come with a full colour user's guide filled with helpful tips and

examples all presented with a great graphic design.

It will also have full HTML documentation with many screenshots and
pictures to aid your exploration of this great software!

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The current version of CP already incorporates the following features
quite extensively....

Configuration **

Each user has their own preference file which contains details about..

 · Their name.

 · The sample to be used for their name. (You need a sound sampler for this).

 · Their ability – For example, whether the right mouse button performs a
                   different function or not.

 · Disk Access – Whether or not they can load/save (or even format disks) and
                 which type of file requestor they can use – simple, advanced
                 or workbench (ASL).

 · Color Selection – Whether they use a scrolling palette with large icons
                     for younger children or a standard DPaint style palette.

 · Tools – You can even restrict the amount of tools that the user has access
           to!! This means that you can set up CP so that only the older
           children can use certain tools.

 · Icons – Each child can either can use all the "stickers" or their own
           particular sets – e.g. war, space, animals, cartoons etc.!!

 · GUI – There will be a number of GUIs to choose from – paint, flowers,
         shapes (the standard interface) and war. (+ possibly even more!!).

 · Screen Blanking – CP has its own screen blanker built-in which will have
                     many different, often humourous animations. Each user
                     can have a blanker selected for them according to their
                     taste.

 · Sound/Music – CP will come with many tracks of stereo sound and plenty of
                 amusing samples to keep your children happy all the time!!

 · Graphics – You can control how fast animations are, choose between
              different types of scrolling all for that personal touch!!

GUI **

CP is full of great graphics... It uses a huge variety of wipes and
animations to aid enjoyment of the program as well as to help the user!!

A Major hit with all the children so far!!

Colour Effects ***

CP has multiple color cycling modes!! CP's tools can all be used with
special graphics modes that transform the way they work giving you even more
options!!

IO **

CP contains the most advanced loading/saving routines for chidren known to
man!! These routines are so simple to use yet they are unbelievably complex!!
They look great, feel great and cope with a huge amount of errors so that
all the children need to do in the easiest routines is to click on the
picture they want to paint and you know that they will rarely have a problem!

Memory Handling **

CP has an amazing UNDO and memory system which will adapt to ever setup
to make the most efficient use of what its got. CP's undo system can even
resize screens so that the program will never quit!!

1.4   Requirements

This version of CP should run on any Amiga® computer or compatible OS
from Workbench® v1.3+ with 1MB+ of RAM and a Hard-drive.

Future versions will require:

* Workbench 3.x
* AGA or Gfx Card
* 1.5MB RAM

1.5   Installation

              If downloaded from the internet, CP comes as a .lha file. To ←
                 extract this
file, move it to the directory you would like the files extracted to, double
click on its icon and type:

 "lha x cp.lha" and all the files will be extracted to that directory.

CP comes with a hard-drive install script that uses the standard Commodore®
Installer Version 43.3.

Simply double click on the icon "Install_CP" and follow the onscreen prompts.

If any errors occur during installation, the script will try to alert you of
the problem encountered and will normally give you some options to choose
from.

If, for any reason, the installation is aborted mid-way or a serious error
was encountered, all installed files will be removed from your hard drive.
If this happens, please try installation in a different directory on your
hard-drive. If you are having serious problems installing CP, please write
or e-mail:
                    Contact

1.6   Using CP

                This section is available to registered users only.

To have all the current
                limitations
                 lifted please
                 REGISTER

1.7   Limitations

                Why Should I Register?

CP is limited to about 12 minutes of user time from the moment the first
screen is shown. You must register to have unlimited use of this software.

CP currently comes with a limited number of tools. Registration will allow
the user access to many more tools. CP is modular so tools can be written
extremely quickly. As a result, registered users of CP will be able to use
almost 100 tools eventually.

Only registered users will receive the full HTML documentation which
will include a lot of text and pictures to aid the understanding
and usage of this product.

                     REGISTER

1.8   Registration

                CP Version 0.206 is shareware and as such has certain
                RESTRICTIONS
                 imposed.

Registration is very cheap and has many advantages...

· Unlimited use of CP (No time restrictions!!)

· Full HTML documentation – only registered users will recieve the FULL
  documentation which includes a lot of information and pictures to aid
  your usage of this product.

· You will recieve all future shareware versions of CP free of charge –
  this means versions 0.206 to 0.9!!
  (N.B. free via email only, see below for costs for normal mail)

· You will be made a member of the Mystique Constant Upgrade Program.
  You'll receive all new versions of CP as soon as they come out and will
  recieve excellent customer support.

· You will be entitled to special upgrade offers when the full commercial
  version 1.0 is released.

PRICES **

 VIA E-MAIL .... £5.00 (ENTIRE WORLD)

 ON DISK VIA NORMAL MAIL   .... £7.00 (UK & EIRE)
 (INCLUDES P&P AND PRICE OF DISKS)........ £7.50 (REST OF EUROPE)
                                  .... £8.00 (REST OF WORLD)

UPDATES_____

 VIA EMAIL............................... FREE!! (ENTIRE WORLD)

 ON DISK VIA NORMAL MAIL   .... £2.00 (UK & EIRE)
 (INCLUDES P&P AND PRICE OF DISKS)........ £2.40 (REST OF EUROPE)
                                  .... £2.60 (REST OF WORLD)

METHODS OF PAYMENT ***

We cannot accept Credit Cards etc. at this time. (Maybe in the future...)

Make cheques/postal orders out to .. Mystique Corporation International Ltd

Send cheques/postal orders to ...... 13 Ardmore Park
                                     Belfast
                                     BT10 OJJ
                                     NORTHERN IRELAND

Don't forget to include your personal details (Name, address etc.)

TIPS FOR SENDING PAYMENT **

UK AND IRELAND – Please send only send postal orders or cheques to the
above address.

REST OF WORLD – Place any cash being sent in a sheet of tinfoil then wrap
this with your registration letter before placing in a strong envelope.

IF YOU SEND CASH IT IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. IF THE MONEY DOES NOT REACH US,
WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSSES INCURRED.

PLEASE USE THE CUSTOM-MADE
                              ORDERFORM

1.9   Thanks...

CP has taken a lot of time to develop this far.

It would have taken a lot longer without the help of some people.

So, Thanks go to...

Dietmar Eilert for his wonderful GoldED.

John Paul Copeland for his help with PicassoII compatability.

1.10   How to contact Mystique

Please send us your comments (however good or bad), suggestions and bug
reports...

E-mail us at   cp@mystcorp.u-net.com

Snail-Mail us at   Mystique Corporation
                   13 Ardmore Park
                   Belfast
                   BT10 OJJ

                   Northern Ireland

Visit the CP Home Pages and support site at;

              www.mystcorp.u-net.com

1.11   Bugs

              Current notable bugs/limitations.

CP Version 0.206 will not cause your system to crash. However, in the
unlikely event of some hack causing CP to fail, please
              contact

us.

The name selection screen "OTHER" does not yet work properly. It won't do
any harm, but we advise against its use.

CP's system files must all be kept intact. If any of the CP files are
deleted, CP may not be able to run. This limitation will be removed in
a future version of CP.

1.12 history

                                The HIStory Of CP

CP has been in development now since 1993. It has gone through some amazing
transformations in the past few years and will be going through many more
over the next year.

Changes since CP Version 0.1

Version 0.15 _____

PERFECTED SCROLLING!!! CP has a new advanced scrolling mechanism which
scrolls fluidly on all set-ups. Scroll speeds are exactly the same now, no
matter what tool you are using!!

NTSC compatibility introduced. CP now adapts (crudely) for NTSC users.

Better graphics. CP has had some changes to some of its graphics with even a
few extra screens!!

Other minor improvements. (Samples have been allocated properly among other
things).

Version 0.16 _____

Fixed bugs in "Load Picture" which caused CP to quit.

Also enhanced the look of the "Load Picture" routine.

Added "Please Wait" dialogue box to the Control Menu to alert users that the
delay on leaving the control menu is meant and not an error.

Added "Pick A Picture To Load" Text to loading routines.

Fixed bug in installer which meant CP would only install to a directory on
a hard drive, not on the root volume.

Version 0.20 _____

Updated the intro sequence with better, more linear graphics (no messy
multiple screens).

Updated MOST other graphics to a more pleasing, three-D effect.

Added new pictures to the Main and IO menus.

Introduced a keyfile system to reward people who send an E-Mail.

Added 2 new Preference sections covering:

  Users' Names
  Users' Samples (Not Yet Implemented - NYI)
  No. of Users
  Method for name selection (NYI)

  Mouse Use
  Help Menu On/Off (NYI)
  Startup Options
  Color selection methods
  Keyboard Enabled/Disabled (Partly implemented - use advised AGAINST!!)

Added other minor system fixes.

Created new fonts and adapted program for their use.

Created two small, very basic (Crap!!) anims, just to give users something to
look at.

Updated the Installer File (now works perfectly).

Removed the need for a CPSYSPREFS file to be in your S: drawer, CP now uses
a system assign.

Version 0.205_____

Added a full help system to the preferences section of the program.

Added a NEW Preference section which allows the person setting up the program
to choose which tools their children are allowed access to.

Each tool now has a difficulty rating which parents can use as a guide to
choosing tools for their children.

Added new drawing mode for younger users(2-4) which means that, to draw, they
only have to click to start drawing and click to stop drawing!

Added a NEW, partly-finished Preference section which currently only covers
disc access issues.
You can now select how much disc access the current user should be given.
Covers such things as loading and saving and the selection of disks.

Restored full NTSC compatibility (Temporarily abandonded for Version 0.20!).

Added many more wipes to the Preference section making its use much more

fluid!!

Fixed up the sticker menu – now the stickers update properly on screen.
Also fixed a bug which wouldn't let users pick a new sticker until they had
scrolled through the bank of stickers.

Finally got rid of the bug that caused CP to quit if a screen size of less
than 400 was selected – screen sizes right from 336 pixels wide can now be
selected.

Updated the ending sequence of the program.

Other minor system changes, modifications and extras.

Version 0.206_____

Minor release to update a few parts of Version 0.205 while the conversion
to C code is taking place.

Updated Documentation covering Registration details and the future Features,
Specs and Limitations of CP.

Crude fix of Naming Routines when 'Other' is selected. Graphics still
distorted somewhat, but overall function much clearer and reliable now :)

Updated some text in the software, specifically the registration/restriction
details and the Copyright Notices/Contact Addresses.

Mystique Incorporated as:

Mystique Corporation International Ltd

New logo and text added to software to represent change.

Work on next big version change progressing well.....

Now check out CP's
                future
              It's much more exciting...

1.13   What's to come...!!

                As the list of
                 features
                 shows, CP's future is looking bright!

CP is modular and the bulk of the work has already been done. It is very open
so lots more features can be added without affecting the current code. This
also means that, since the new code won't affect the old, the older code can
be continually refined without having to refine all the new modules as well.

And that is good news for you...

Because this means that CP can only get better. The older modules can only
become more advanced and the new modules can only add to the fun experience
that is CP.

We can see the end of the road however – CP Version 3.0 in a world where
Gateway 2000 got the balance right (i.e. R&D + Advertising), the Power Amiga
controls most of the devices in our homes and the major development in going
from CP Version 2.0 to 3.0 is voice recognition! Roll on 23 June 2000!!

However, on a more serious note...

NEW features of CP version 0.25:

* Being written in C code for 68K and possibly even PowerPC – dramatic speed
increase!!

* Full localization.

* RTG support – if you have a monitor, CP will now be promoted.

* Extra features – all of the suggestions over the past three months will
  be implemented – a huge number of add ons!!

* Full Preferences control – at long last, CP will be fully configurable.

* IFF support.

* Full HTML Docs (Registered version only).

* Animations – the first (preliminary) animations will be added.

* And many more enhancements in what will be CP's greatest update yet!!

1.14   Fill this in NOW!!

Please rush me a copy of the amazing CP!!
                                              ___
I would like to receive CP via   E-Mail |___| (Tick Here) OR
                                              ___
                                 Normal Mail |___| (Tick Here)

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E-Mail Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

        _____

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Postcode/ZIP _____

City _____

State/County _____

Country _____


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I have enclosed foreign cash.................... |___|   AMOUNT _____

OR                                                ___
I have enclosed an English/Irish Postal Order.. |___|   AMOUNT _____

OR                                                ___
I have enclosed an English/Irish Cheque........ |___|   AMOUNT _____



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Make cheques/postal orders out to "Mystique Corporation International Ltd"


Send to...      Mystique Corporation

                13 Ardmore Park
                Belfast
                BT10 OJJ
                Northern Ireland


Thank you for registering CP!! We hope that you will enjoy this product.
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1.15 CP Copyright Notice

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CP Version 0.206 MUST NOT be distributed in any form other than its site and
the Aminet.

Distribution (on CD, by PD Houses, by BBSs etc.) will be allowed with a later
version (probably 0.3).

1.16   DISCLAIMER

Every effort has be taken to make CP as error free as possible.

HOWEVER, YOU USE CP AT YOUR OWN RISK.

WE ACCEPT NO REPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE TO YOU SYSTEM OR FILES AS
A RESULT, INDIRECTLY OR DIRECTLY OF THE USE OF THIS SOFTWARE.

1.17   Assigning CP

                     CP needs an assign in S:User-startup to run properly.

The installer modifies the file S:User-startup to assign CP when your
machine is booted.

For this assign to work, you must reboot after installing CP.

If you DIDN'T and you got the message CP needs an assign then you should
reboot now.

If you DID reboot after installing CP, then the installer may have been
unable to add an assign in your S:User-startup file.

To add an assign in the user-startup file, follow these steps:

Open the file S:Startup-sequence with a text editor and look for the line;

                     Execute S:User-startup

If this line is not there, add it BEFORE LoadWB

Now, if the file S:User-startup exists, add the following line to it;

                     Assign CP: *****:????/CP/CP

(Where *****:???? is the directory where the main folder CP is installed)

Otherwise create a new file, add the above line, then save this new file as
S:User-startup.

Reboot, and enjoy CP!!

If you need any help, just
                 contact
                 us.