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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 Olaf 'Olf' Peters

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Directory: util  
Amiga: A2000C/ECS/OS 3.1 (KS 40.63/WB 40.42)/1 MB Chip-RAM  
GVP G-Force '040/33, 12 MB 32 Bit-Fast-RAM  
Picasso-II 2MB, C=-Flickerfixer

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Evolution  
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By now I have spent 24 years on this planet. I was born on June 16th, 1971 in Bremen where I still live.

After 13 years of school and an unavoidable break lasting 1 year (military service - hard to believe if you see the images below, huh? :-)) I started studying computer science at the university of Bremen in October '91 which means that I am currently in my 8th semester. Besides studying I have been working in an institute at the university since March '94 (BIBA - "Bremer Institut für Betriebstechnik und angewandte Arbeitswissenschaften") where my task was to set up a database for administration of research projects with LARS resp. MS-Access under Winslows, but since June '95 I am working on a hypertext based information system about Concurrent Engineering using Toolbook.

An important part of the computer science studies in Bremen is a student project which lasts for 4 semesters. I am participant of the "NetVision" project where a system is developed on Apple Macintoshes in which a couple of people can move around in a virtual world, communicate with each other and create / modify the world together e.g. by creating multi-media documents.

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Computer-o-Mania  
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My "computer career" started in mid '84 with the VIC-20 which was (of course) replaced by a C-64 one year later which finally had to leave my desk for an Amiga 500 with Kick 1.2 in January '88. On the Amiga 500 I mostly worked on assembler programming and coding a few demos and intros - yEaH, c00L StUff, which entirely doesn't work anymore today. :-D

Mid '91 even the A500 had to go and was replaced by an A2000C on which this text (ok, the GERMAN version - [the editor]) is just being written. This machine was "armed to the teeth" over the years: with a G-Force '040/33 (12 MB), C= flicker fixer, Picasso II 2 MB, 2 240 MB harddisks, an 88 MB Syquest and a double-speed CD-ROM, accompanied by a 17" monitor, TKR 14.4 Modem and HP Laserjet IIIp. Two ICs were ripped out of the motherboard of the A2000 so that it now houses OS 3.1 (40.63) as well as a HiRes denise.

I soon stopped demo coding on the A2000 - I had noticed that this kind of "hardware banging" makes no real sense and system conformant programming is much more fun. So, (also as a result of the studies) I purchased the M2 Modula-2 compiler and started some first steps under AmigaOS.

By entering the world of modems, mailboxes and the like in april '93 and whilst searching for a reasonable frontend for the MausNet I got in contact with Stefan 'ToolManager' Becker who introduced me to the Universal Message System (UMS) which immediately inspired me. So I decided to use my programming skills <ahem> to support UMS and developed my only larger project: ConfUMS, a configuration editor for UMS. Besides that, a few small UMS tools written by me can be found on Aminet, among them UMSMailStat, a statistics tool for newsgroups.

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Do pearls meet ?  
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Being enthusiastic about the concept of the first Meeting Pearls CD, I wanted to contribute something to the MP2. At first I only thought about a UMS installation, but Bernhard~'ZZA' Moellemann persuaded me to take over the entire comm/ directory. As I had a lot of fun putting together the files for the MP2, I decided to also take part in the creation of the MP3. I chose the util/ directory without any special reasons - but for the sake for variety I didn't want to take over comm/ again.

Strictly speaking I did not take part in the Meeting Pearls, but only in the pearls: so far there were always some important matches or tournaments that prevented me from attending a meeting. :-)

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And now for something completely different...  
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If I am not hanging around in front of my computer's screen, fighting my way through BEGINS, ENDS or Mails, you can sometimes find me on Basketball playgrounds. I am playing in a union for 8 years, currently in the "Verbandsliga Bremen" at the SC Weyhe (Weyhe is a small town south-east of Bremen). My basketball relevant data: 198 cm tall, about

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89 kg, shoe size 13 (46). :-)

My music taste mainly aims at Hardrock/Progressive Rock on this side of the noise border, or, in MTV words: "Rock not Metal". To name a few bands: Dream Theater, Queensrÿche, Aerosmith, D:A:D, Cinderella, Mötley Crüe, Mr. Big, Black Crowes etc. But I am also open to other musical styles, as long as they don't belong to the charts-boom-boom-noise, HipHop/Rap or Techno sort of Music.

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Outing  
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There are also a few images:

Picture 1:

On vacation in Finland '93.

Picture~2:

In Norway '92, fishing - but caught nothing :-)

Picture~3:

Boating on one of the innumerable finish lakes (also in '93) - but be careful, it's cool man! :-)

Picture 4:

Danmark '94 in the Kattegatt centre in Grenaa.

Bild~5:

Yeah, Olf Langstrumpf. :-)

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...over and out!  
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Ok, enough talking. I hope you'll like the selection I have made for the util/ directory. Have a lot of fun with it and the Meeting Pearls III.

Ciao,

Olf (no, I didn't forget an 'a' here - I have been having this nickname for almost 10 years now (which doesn't bother me at all - on the contrary: When called by the name of "Olaf" I don't feel liked being addressed at all. :-)

PS: Greetings? Ok, me too: Natascha, Golle, Ulli, all user.groupies of the Maus HB2; M&M (Mattin & Martin) and all other UMSers!

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