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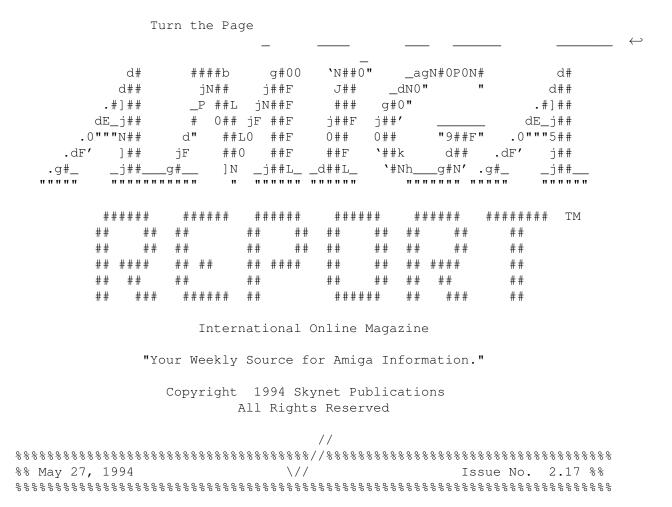
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Chapter 1

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1.3 The Editor's Desk

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%% The Editor's Desk

by

Robert Niles

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AR Logo

As of 4:50pm Eastern Time...nobody has made an announcement in that they were taking over what we formerly new of C=.

Darn.

For the good news though, it looks like things are moving forward as far as the idea of Samsung taking over Commodore. Inventory of stock is being made, and other signs seem favourable.

I really don't want to get into rumor mongering though, so I'll keep the supposed details to myself for right now. Sorry :)

I'm still having problems with the computer...mostly because that "time" thing is short, but as you see, it's not preventing me from gettin AR out.

I want to thank David Tiberio for the "AR Logo" above....looks superb!!

I also wanted to thank the people that creat the "Think! Amiga" newsletter for sending me one! The newsletter is fantastic! The newsletter is a production of the Sittingbourne Computer Club in England. You can contact them by calling +44 81 952 7719 (EIS BBS) and send a message to either Andy Everingham or Peter Barrow.

Until next week, take care, and enjoy!

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# 1.10 Amiga News

Announcement from NewTek

NewTek Inc. May 5, 1994

Dear Friend of the Toaster,

I'm sure you're aware of Commodore's recent announcement of their liquidation, as it is obviously an issue of concern to everyone connected with the Video Toaster. Rumors have been rampant for weeks about what would happen, but getting the facts has been a little more difficult.

We want you to know that we weren't caught by surprise. Events over the past nine months made it very clear that something would have to change and that Commodore's liquidation was a possibility. It didn't take a mind reader to see Commodore's troubles.

Liquidation certainly wasn't the only possibility, however. Even as late as last week we were aware that other options were being pursued. While no one could know exactly what would happen, or when, we did know that

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something would happen and made plans for that eventually. For reasons that we hope you will understand, we cannot talk about all of these things at the moment. What we can say unequivically is that we are committed to the Video Toaster and our customers. We are taking the following steps in support of this goal:

- Development on the Flyer is on schedule for shipment of demo units to dealers in July and shipment to end users early fall. Of course, the Flyer provides capabilities highly sought after by the existing Toaster user base.
- 2) We are monitoring product availability in the channel and will provide you with all the information we can gather. At this point, it appears that there are Amiga 4000's availabile worldwide to meet demand for the next several months.
- 3) We will continue to market the Video Toaster and Video Toaster Flyer as always.
- 4) We are investigating an Amiga refurbishment program.
- 5) We are continuing our ongoing Toaster development program.

We realize that there are still a number of questions left unanswered, but know that as answers become available, we will pass the information on to you. A great deal of exciting development continues in Topeka and I believe that you will be happy with the news coming from here as the year progresses.

Sincerely,

Tim Jenison President

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# PORTER JOINS SCALA AS VP OF ENGINEERING

WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 16, 1994 - Jeffery S. Porter, former director of advanced technology for Commodore International Limited, has joined Scala, Inc., the leader in computer-based television information systems, as vice president of engineering. In this position, Porter will head all world-wide research and development activities with offices in Exton, PA, and Oslo, Norway.

Scala's founder and President Jon Bohmer said, "Jeff has been the key development person for the Amiga since 1986, and brings to Scala a proven track record of product management and technical leadership. His presence at Scala will help us sustain our increasingly rapid growth."

Porter, employed by Commodore in various capacities since 1984, has been employed by Bell Laboratories, AT&T Consumer Products and the Eastman Kodak Company. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Unviersity of Illinois and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University.

He is co-author of a book entitled "MultiMedia Systems: The Convergence of

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Computers, Communications and Consumer Products" published by the ACM.
"I've been a fan of Scala from the beginning," said Porter. "Scala's ease of authoring and low-cost playback make it a natural for interactive television. The next step is to support a cross platform architecture for Scala that includes PC compatibles and set top boxes. Scala's technology is years ahead of Mac and PC solutions, due to the "TV-centric" heritage of the Amiga. It's compact and efficient and can be embedded in other systems such as the General Instrument satellite television receivers being developed for PRIMESTAR (R)."

Scala, founded in 1987 in Norway and incorporated in the U.S. in 1992, develops and markets computer-based television information solutions. Available in ten languages, Scala's multimedia tools are used by 45,000 users in more than 40 countries.

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Soft-Logik Publishing sells desktop publishing and graphic applications for Amiga computers. Our current product lineup includes PageStream 2.2, a full-featured desktop publishing program; Art Expression 1.0, a drawing program; and, TypeSmith 2.0, a font editing and conversion program.

Soft-Logik plans to release PageStream 3.0 in the near future. Commodore's bankruptcy will not have an effect on our Amiga development. We will continue to develop PageStream, and while we hope in the future that it will be available for other platforms, we are too busy with our Amiga products to consider that now. Remember that just because Commodore is out of business does not mean that your Amiga will stop working. We hope to release more Amiga products in the future.

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NEW SAS/C PRICING

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Dear Amiga Developers,

Concerning the recent announcements by Commodore, I wanted to let you know that SAS Institute, Inc. intends to continue selling and providing technical support for the SAS/C Development System with C++ as long as there is a viable market. However, due to the uncertainty of the market, the Institute's management has decided to suspend new development on the Amiga-specific parts of the product. This policy will remain in effect until changes in the market warrant reconsideration.

Development will continue on those portions of the product that are used on other platforms, including the code generator, the global and peephole optimizers, the C++ translator, and the debugger. If we see a viable Amiga market in the future, we will be in a good position to produce a new release for it with a minimum of lost time.

Also in response to the Commodore announcements and many user suggestions, SAS Institute Inc. announces the following new prices for the SAS/C Development System with C++, effective immediately:

These prices are in US dollars and do not include shipping charges. Customers outside the US, please contact your local SAS Institute office or your nearest Amiga distributor for prices in your area. We do not plan to send a mailing to registered users, so please take the initiative to contact SAS Institute if you would like to take advantage of the new upgrade price.

If you have comments or suggestions about our development policy, please send email to "ts4sasca@unx.sas.com" or write to

Amiga C Marketing SAS Institute Inc. SAS Campus Drive Cary, NC 27513

Please do NOT send email to me, Jim Cooper, Steve Krueger, Khristi Tomlinson, Diane Gomez, or Gerlinde Schuster with suggestions for future development plans or product offerings. We will just ask you to go through one of the above channels.

On a personal note, I'd like to add that I plan on keeping my Amiga and supporting the Amiga community in any way possible. I've been an Amiga

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developer since March of 1986, and I'd hate to see it go. Look for a new release of parnet soon 8°)

Doug Walker Manager, Amiga Product Development SAS Institute Inc.

MacroSystem GmbH of Germany Announcement

Jorg Sprave, president of MacroSystem GmbH, located in Witten, Germany, is pleased to announce the appointment of NoahJi's as the exclusive distributor of MacroSystem product in the United States.

Technical support, repair, and service will be handled by NoahJi's. Software updates for the V-Lab and the Retina will also be made available at a modest charge for current owners of these products.

NoahJi's is the Amiga board division of Micro Reps, Inc. a 10-year-old distribution company. Eric Kloor, president of NoahJi's, is excited to begin distribution of the remarkable line of product manufactured by MacroSystem GmbH.

The Retina Z3, with updated hardware features and astonishingly fast software, will soon be impressing the US market. In the current issue of The Amiga Magazine, Germany's largest, 10 different graphics boards were reviewed. The Z2 Retina was called "nearly legendary, " and in price/performance comparisons towered above the others. The only more impressive board in the tests was the new Retina Z3. Both products received glowing and strong recommendations.

The Toccata 16 bit I/O board, which has been available in Germany for over 6 months, will now be available for the US market. The V-Lab Y/C 24 bit realtime video digitizer will also join the product mix of NoahJi's. An astounding new product that is currently in production and will be available here in July is the VLab Motion Card. This card is a Zorro II motion JPEG board for non-linear video editing and playback. The VLab Motion product contains a digitizer plus a video output device with YUV 4:2:2 square pixel quality and embedded hardware scaling and a genlock with chroma keying for real-time blue box effects as well as the compression/decompression JPEG chipset which runs at 29.5 Mhz peak frequency. The board has composite and Y/C inputs and outputs, and also features an expansion socket for add-ons like piggy packed YUV or RGB component transcoders, and an interface for outputting over NewTek's Video Toaster. The V-Lab Motion board does not require a time based corrector and can be combined with existing hard drives and controllers. VLab Motion also comes with MovieShop, a complete editing software package that features a hierarchical editor, B/W or color reference stamps, and a time line editor. Perfect interfacing with the Retina and the Toccata allow simultaneous recording and playback of audio and video.

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by

Jason Compton

%% Where do we go from here?

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Brilliant. I write some editorials about how it seems like the worst has passed for Commodore, and here we are, seat-edging, waiting to see who, if anyone, will buy the sinking ship of C=. Never ask me for stock tips.

This leaves an awfully big void waiting under the feet of Amiga users. Well, it COULD be worse. I have seen a good amount of developers and companies come out and strongly support the Amiga. The only lukewarm response I've seen was from GVP, whose message can be summed up as such:

"Well, it's a damn shame Commodore's going down. Lucky for us, we've started doing PC hardware. So, sure, we'll sell off our inventories, build some Spectrums if we need overtime and maybe release a couple new things if they were two days away from the first run, but don't wait up for us to save the Amiga."

Actually, my sum-up was longer, I think, but more descriptive.

Unfortunately, I can't blame them too much. That's not to say that I'd do the same in their position, because I'd like to think that I wouldn't. Luckily, all of the other press releases have been positive and hopeful, which is what I'd like to remain.

The rumors abound way too much. I have made a couple of phone calls and haven't learned anything useful about who or what may own Commodore or various pieces of Amiga hardware. I'd love to wake up tomorrow morning with Commodore and the Amiga looking into the future, but right now I'm content to know that it isn't over yet.

CEI just commissioned the CEI A1962 monitor: a successor to the 1960, this time built by Electrohome. At least all those 1200s, if we ever see them again, will have something to output to.

MacroSystem has a new US distributor (strangely, MacroSystem US doesn't distribute MacroSystem hardware anymore). The company name is NoahJi's, and we'll be running reviews of the Toccata 16 (imminent, once I figure out what to do with the thing), the Retina Z-III, and possibly the V-Lab and upcoming V-Lab Motion boards.

I'm still waiting for my Paravision SX-1, due tomorrow in the mail.

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My review of the Vortex $486 \mbox{SLC2}$ should begin as soon as I can get it to work.

Sound good for now? At least you know I've been working hard, even if I have nothing to show for it now.

Until next time, don't walk the plank.

1.12 Programming HASH Tables

%% Programming HASH Tables
David Tibe

by

David Tiberio %%

One of the most important data structures used in programming is the HASH table. This system has many advantages; it is fast, the data is easy to organize, and it is easy to program. One of the drawbacks is that it is not as dynamic as some data structures, although it can be combined with other data structures to make it more dynamic. Another drawback is that it may be hard to find a good hashing function that applies equally well to all of your data.

A hash table is an array of fixed size. Each location of the array can hold one piece of data or many pieces of data, including other hash tables or linked lists. An example of a hash table is the telephone system. In this example, I will be using the American telephone system.

Each region has its own three digit number. For example, Long Island uses the 516 area code. Queens (one part of New York City) uses the 718 area code. Manhattan, also a part of New York City, uses 212. Other parts of New York City use different area codes.

Next there are local calling exchanges. East Setauket uses numerous exchanges, such as 476 and 473. Stony Brook University uses 632 and 444, although other exchanges are used for the Stony Brook area. Last of all, each house can have its own 4 digit code. For example, my house has 4 lines coming into it. One is 5156, another 6351, another 3516, and another 1615. Now, we take these three groups of numbers and put them together to get a hashed phone number. To reach my house, you could call 516-476-6351, 516-473-5156, 516-476-3516, etc. Note that none of these numbers ring my personal phone BTW:). Some of these numbers used to be here but were disconnected (such as my old BBS number). Now, anyone in North America would dial one of these numbers, which would be hashed through the system. First to Long Island, then to East Setauket, then to my house.

Here is another example. You have 10 people, and you want to store them in an array with 5 spaces. Here are the people:

David Pleasance Irving Gould ar217 13 / 58

Jay Miner
Jim Drew
John DiLullo
Lewis Eggebrecht
Marc Barrett
Mehdi Ali
RJ Michaels
Rob Niles

Here is how the information is stored:

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- 2 RJ
- 3 Jay, Jim, Rob
- 4 John, Marc
- 5 David, Lewis, Mehdi
- 6 Irving

What about each person places them in the given array location? The HASH function in this case is very simple. The length of the first name was used, placing RJ all by himself in the 2 letter location with Irving in the 6 letter bucket (a bucket is a term used of refer to an array location). Now, in the cases were more than one person is in a bucket, a link is made between each name starting at the first name placed in the bucket. For example, to find Mehdi, you would look in bucket 5 since Mehdi is 5 letters long. First you find David, then you check to the next name on the list to find Lewis, and then the next name you find is Mehdi. After Mehdi, you would place a NULL pointer, as with the last element of each bucket. The 1st bucket merely contains a NULL pointer.

There is more than just one way to make a HASH function. Here are some to try:

AMIGA: Add the ASCII characters for each letter together, then do a MOD (MOD is a remainder function) on the size of the array. In C, this might look like:

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bucket = ('A' + 'M' + 'I' + 'G' + 'A') % array_size;
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RULES: Let's try something different with this word (which I chose as an example for no particular reason). Instead of adding the ASCII values, we could try using RAW keycodes. The RAW keycodes are determined by the location of the keys on the keyboard, as opposed to alphabetically. For example, a DVORAK keyboard would have different RAW keycodes than a QWERTY keyboard. The % (MOD function) is used to ensure that if the total is greater than the size of the array, then it will start again from the beginning of the array until it fits.

bucket = (19 + 22 + 40 + 18 + 33) % array_size;

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There are some key issues to remember. First, the hash function should tell the difference between the position of letters. For example, the above sample with AMIGA would have the same bucket as AGIMA or MAGIA, since they contain the same ASCII values. The total HASH value should not exceed the size of the array (hence the MOD function is used). You may place more than one item in a bucket only if you link them with a link list or use a second hash function to divide the bucket into a second array. Or, if there is a collision (an item is already in the bucket), you can check the next bucket in the array until you find a free one. If you use the second method, the size of the array must be equal to or greater than the total number of data items you are working with.

- USENET REFERENCES -

Please see comp.sys.amiga.programmer for more information about using HASH tables or linked lists.

As Edward Cayce might say, that is all for the present...

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1.13 UseNet Review - Fury of the Furries

PRODUCT NAME

Fury of the Furries, CD32 version

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A single-player platform game with puzzles.

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LIST PRICE

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I don't know the list price, but I paid 69.99 Australian dollars for it. In the UK, you can get it for 19.99 pounds from mail order companies.

SPECIAL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

HARDWARE

CD32 (PAL)
Television or monitor
Control pad (or Amiga joystick)

SOFTWARE

None

COPY PROTECTION

None that's noticeable to the user.

REVIEW

The manual tells the story of a race of small furball creatures called Tinies. Tinies look like tennis balls with eyes, and according to the manual, they have a horrid sense of humour. The Tiny King has apparently been taken prisoner and been imprisoned in his own castle by a Tiny with a particularly wicked sense of humour. Yes, this is where you come in.:-)

When the game boots, you're shown a glitchy animated sequence portraying all this, accompanied by some decent CD audio. Once you're at the title screen, you can start a new game or restart one of four saved games.

The object of the game is simple: take control of a Tiny and find your way to the exit of each level. Your Tiny can walk, run, and jump three different heights. As if that isn't enough, your Tiny is also able to transform into any of 4 colours, each one having a special ability:

Red - eats through walls

Yellow - shoots fireballs to kill nasties

Green - swings and climbs on rope

Blue - dives underwater

Green is my favourite. It's great fun swinging the little critter back and forth on the rope, then letting go and watching him fly across the screen and do a couple of somersaults before landing on the ground!

Not all of the abilities are available all the time. On some levels, you may only have one ability, and on others, you might get all 4. To make it harder, there are force-field type things which enable or disable an ability when you pass through them.

You view the action from the standard platform perspective (side

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on), and the levels scroll in all directions. The game takes place over 8 areas, with each area having 10 levels based on the same theme. The levels are full of all sorts of obstacles designed to reduce your Tiny to an ex-furball before reaching the exit. There's trees, water, spikes and loads more, and of course the usual array of NASTIES. You must make use of the various abilities of your Tiny to negotiate these obstacles.

As you progress into the game, the puzzle element starts rearing its head. As well as avoiding (or shooting) all the nasties, you also have to start solving problems in order to reach the exit. These puzzles range from simple things, like finding and using keys, to more complex ones, like moving blocks and finding secret entrances. The puzzles rely on the correct choice of abilities in most cases, and also require some pretty nifty joypad skills on some of the later levels.

Every 5 levels, your position is saved in Non-Volatile RAM.

DOCUMENTATION

The booklet in the CD sleeve has instructions in English, French, Dutch, Italian and Spanish. It covers everything you need to know (not a lot, really) and has some nice black and white drawings.

LIKES

Great fun. It's playable, cute, and best of all: totally silly! There's something distinctly warped about a 10-pixel high ball of fluff letting fly with a Streetfighter-style fireball. :-)

The game-saving feature means you can restart where you left off instead of playing through all the levels again. This adds a lot to the longevity of any game in my opinion; if I can restart where I left off, I'll keep coming back until I finish it (or go insane).

The difficulty curve is just about right. There's plenty of easy levels before the brain mangling begins.

The CD tracks on the intro and title screens are really good. In-game music is only Amiga based, but the tunes are great.

Although he's very small and not very colourful, your Tiny is nicely animated and moves well.

DISLIKES AND SUGGESTIONS

The in-game graphics are pretty dull; they'd look perfectly at home in a 512K A500 game 5 years ago. It doesn't look like any more than about 16 colours, definitely not 32bit CDROM stuff. Static title and between-level screens are more colourful though.

The game doesn't use the full PAL screen. If you force it into NTSC using the boot-menu, it runs too fast.

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COMPARISON TO OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS

If you liked The Lost Vikings, you'll like this.

BUGS

I've found a couple of graphic glitches here and there, but they don't affect gameplay at all.

VENDOR SUPPORT

An address and phone/fax number are provided for support. I haven't needed to contact them as yet.

WARRANTY

Unknown.

CONCLUSIONS

If you're looking to be blown off your seat with stunning visuals and audio, don't buy this game, because there aren't any. But do buy it if you want a game to *PLAY*, because it's got more playability and lastability than a lot of other stuff around. An enjoyable blend of platforms, puzzles and general silliness.

My rating: 80%

1.14 Music Modules

%% Music Modules

by

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Next time your IBM PC friends or Macintosh friends play SoundTracker music modules on their machines, remind them that it all started with the Amiga. Of course all platforms have made an attempt at music production, but the Amiga is the birth platform of music modules in the same way that the Mac is the birth of QuickTime videos. The technology has been used elsewhere, but the Amiga popularized it... and they have been riding in our wake.

I remember when I first heard a music module... it was back in 1991, more than a year after I got my first Amiga 500. The first music module I ever downloaded was called "Beat dis Paula". Today, the piano effects still sound decent. But it has gone a long way. After I learned what music modules were all about, I remembered the "drum" software on the C64. After

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showing it to a good friend of mine, he came across the Michael Jackson tune "Smooth Instrument", which was the highest quality mod we had ever heard. But it has come a long way.

Looking through my hard drive, I have about 100 mods that I have saved over the years, after having gone through at least a thousand or more. The ones that I have saved tend to be fairly well known, such as those produced by u4ia or SideWinder. While I am currently seeking out new mods, there are some that I do not know very well by name, so I will only list the ones that I have had for a while.

1989

Beyond Music Bomb Jazz

- tint of jazz, very good

Boom

Das Boot

- submarines and spys

Guitar Slinger

- sounds just like the radio, "new age"

- this won a music mod contest Native Dance - crude and distorted, but good Nightmare

No Limit Open Sesame

- dance music - great dance tune

Power Of American Natives - can get long and tiring, but very good

- one of my oldest favorites Space Debris - another of my oldest favorites Street Jungle

Tribal Dance - good dance music - just like the radio What Is Love

- dance music XTermin8

I also took the time to download most of the Sidewinder modules on Aminet. One thing I must say; this guy knows how to mix modules! His samples are of the highest quality, and contain a variety of effects. I would suggest that you download certain modules first, such as the following:

HouseBeatles - "Beatles" classic RainyDecember jazzy piano love song

RainySeptember – jazz

Spanish-Armada - Spanish RAVE

Of course, you also need a program to play most music modules. Some music modules have the player built into them, and are referred to as "selfplaying" modules. Since you will mostly come across data modules, I would suggest the following players:

DeliTracker - one of the most flexible players EdPlayer 2.1 - small, compact player for MOD and MED JukeBox - controls CD ROM drives with audio CD's

- nice interface displays ModuleMaster

- AMINET REFERENCES -

For some reason I could not locate all of the above mentioned modules on Aminet, so here are some of the ones which were previously in the mod charts. Note that these may be moved to a new directory, since the chart/ directory is constantly changing!

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gslinger.lha	mods/chart	275K Guitar Slinger	Apr No.	2
opensesa.lha	mods/chart	314K Open Sesame	Feb New	D
power_of.lha	mods/chart	437K Power of American Natives	Feb No.	9
tribalda.lha	mods/chart	646K Tribal Dance	Apr No.	3
whatislo.lha	mods/chart	618K What is love	Apr No.	4
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Spanish-Armada.lha	mods/sidew	214K+MOD SideWinder/InfoCorner.	Spanish E	RAVE
DeliTracker2_01.lha EdPlyr21.lha	mus/play mus/play	502K+very powerful music player 215K+A cool player for MODs and)S2.0
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As Edward Cayce might say, that is all for the present...

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1.15 SubVersion v1.0

by

%% SubVersion v1.0

Robert Niles

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Along comes a game in which simplicity creates hours of enjoyment. The game being SubVersion v1.0. in which you are in command of the submarine called the Nautilus, armed with nulcear torpedos and short range anti-ship missiles. (Picture of opening screen)

When you begin, you find yourself in an 18 by 22 kilometer area in the Euclidean Strait facing anywhere from 10-40 destroyers and 4 opposing submarines. Supporting you are supply ships which will refuel you as well as rearm you.

Your mission:

Destroy all enemy ships.

Simple.

Oh yeah!? Starting the game you see a "game board" in which your location and location of some of the ships that have already been detected. You move around the "board" horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

On the side of the "game board" is the main control panel. Here

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you will find everything you need to play the game.

Torpedos, HMS array system, Missiles, Status, Crew, Resupply, Depth, Power, Engine, and Auxiliary controls. Which are accessable with the mouse or with keyboard shortcuts.

Being outnumbered strategy plays an important role. The enemy ships aren't always detected by the sonar array, enemy submarines are quite difficult to detect. Adding to that, you have mines, which nicely sink the enemy ships as well as you. Watch your supplies! You need to balance your fuel between the missiles and the engines...and you need enough fuel to get back to the supply ships. You can only be resupplied twice.

A feature I liked is the abilty to use your crewmen as frogmen. You can utilize the frogmen in close range encounters, and encounters in which land is between you and the enemy. While they are a great asset, they don't always get the mission accomplished, nor do they always survive and return. Capture is possible.

The concept is remarkable simple, but winning is not.

System Requirements:

A500 thru A4000 512k Chip, 512k Fast RAM WorkBench 1.2 or higher Color Monitor Recommended HardDrive Recommended Copy Protection: CodeWheel

Developer:

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1.16 AR Contest

%% AR Contest

by

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- THE PRIZE FOR NEXT MONTH -

The Amiga Report contest is still going on, and it is not too late to enter. This ongoing monthly contest allows Amiga Report readers a chance to win software by either solving a puzzle or by entering a random drawing.

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The prize this month is the Amiga/Toaster Reference Manual v2.221, from Area52. This is a 1,000 page help system for the Amiga and Video Toaster, covering the Workbench, AmigaDOS, Lightwave, and more (\$34.95).

The second prize choice is the FutureShock audio CDROM, which was produced using Amiga computers by SideWinder. There are some Sidewinder music modules on Aminet that you may want to look at for a sample of the audio CD (\$12.95).

All monthly contests end on the morning of the first of the following month. Any entries beyond this date will be entered into the next contest.

- THE MONTHLY DRAWING -

To enter the random drawing, select a number from 1 to 262,144 and send it to me at one of my addresses listed below, either by the postal service or email through the Internet.

Also, you may enter by solving the following puzzle. The winner of this puzzle will be decided within the same time frame as the random prize, to allow the contest information to filter through the networks, and to allow your letters and postcards to come in.

- THE PUZZLE -

Since people complained that the first contest was too hard, and that the second was too easy, I made one that anyone can solve with a little thought. Once you get some of it decoded you will be able to solve it with ease ::heh heh::!

Decrypt the following encoded message: 17851 47932

Each location in the code represents one character in the ASCII character set from A to ${\tt Z}$. Also provide your method of obtaining the answer.

- TO ENTER -

To enter, simply let your fingers do the talking and type up an email and send it to dtiberio@libserv1.ic.sunysb.edu. You MUST put the word CONTEST in the subject line of the email header! Otherwise you run the risk of having your email deleted (don't ask, it is a long story!) or send a post card or letter to:

Amiga Report Contest c/o David Tiberio 6 Lodge Lane East Setauket, NY 11733

Is it possible to win via snail mail? You might think that your chances of winning are better by entering in email (much faster of course), but last month's winner send in a letter that arrived the day before his winning number was drawn!

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In your letter or email, please provide the following:

Your full name and address. Please keep in mind that many of you may have addresses that I am not accustomed to, so please include your country or any other information that I would need in case you win. An email address should also be included, if possible.

You must also include a brief one sentence overview of the editorial in this issue of AMiga Report. Just to make sure you are reading it.:) You must also include the issue number. For example, if you read this in AR213, then include that in your correspondance. Also, a prize winner will be determined by a random number generator. Choose a number from 1 to 262,144. The closest winner or winners to the randomly generated number will receive the prize in the mail. Anyone who does not provide a number will have one assigned to him randomly.

All prizes will be mailed within one week after I get my hands on the published version of AmigaReport. I am doing this for a few reasons. First, every winner so far has given the correct puzzle solution before I have received the editon of AmigaReport that announced it.:) Second, I don't like to go to the post office every day if I can avoid it. Third, you never know when someone's power supply might blow up (right Mr. Editor?!).

- THE DISCLAIMER -

DISCLAIMER: This contest is being provided as a service to the Amiga community and all persons involved in running this contest cannot be held liable for anything that costs you money or lifetime pain and anguish. Rules are subject to change. All entries must be received by April 30th, 1994. Any entries beyond this date will be entered into the next contest, if any.

- THE CHANCE YOU WILL WIN -

Odds of winning are approximately 1:50 for the random drawing and 1:15 for the correct answer to the puzzle, based upon current entries.

SPECIAL THANKS to SideWinder for donating the Future Shock albums for inclusion in our contest, along with Merrill Callaway for his ARexx Reference Disk!

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1.17 Emulation Rambler

%% Emulation Rambler

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%% Final Analysis of the Macs!

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PLEASE NOTE: My E-Mail address has changed. Sorry for the inconvenience, but it's my excuse for being unreachable for a while.

Ok, the day has come where I'll sum it all up and give you my final comments on both of the color multitasking Mac emulators. Again, thanks to both ReadySoft and Utilities Unlimited for providing, respectively, the A-Max IV and the Emplant.

Now, to explain the ratings:

In each category, I have selected the emulator that performed better. It is rated 100% in that category.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN IT IS PERFECT IN THAT RESPECT.

It simply means that it has the best support of that feature available.

To begin:

Overall software compatibility:

Emplant: 100% A-Max IV: 90%

I can't blame the A-Max for much, although the repeated complaints about SoundMaster got to be too much for me. Once Emplant hit the high version 3 series, most incompatibility bugs were ironed out. Emplant also handled lousy Mac code (like, programs intended for pre-Multifinder environments) better...for example, the game Star Wars.

Multitasking: A-Max IV: 100% Emplant: 85%

The Emplant frequently dies when I try to access Amiga serial through an Amiga program, even if the serial port isn't given over to Emplant. It's not just me and it's not just Terminus, either. Aside from that, both operate along a similar concept, although Emplant uses a more conventional screen and does not require a non-standard method of flipping to it. Both are well-behaved when it comes to the user not wanting system time allocated to the emulation.

Floppy dIsk support:

A-Max IV: 100% Emplant: 75%

The A-Max IV has built-in 720k floppy support. It's a bit roundabout and requires you to read the entire disk into an AmigaDOS file which will be treated as a virtual drive until you copy everything somewhere better, but it exists and works. UU is selling Macdrive adapters, but that requires a Macdrive. I also encountered some disks which Emplant would consider fine but real Macs would feel were damaged. This WAS before multi-os.device and the like, but it's worth mentioning.

Video support: Emplant: 100% A-Max IV: 85% ar217 24 / 58

This was a toughie. Emplant supports more boards, but many are ones that quite frankly not too many people have. With the recent QD modules and the fact that the Emplant DOES do a quicker job of ECS video, the choice goes to them. It is worth mentioning that A-Max IV supports the Picasso and Retina in the included software, two of the more popular boards, and has supported multi-monitor work for a long time.

Ease of Use: A-Max IV: 100% Emplant: 80%

Big minus points to the Emplant for its memory remap program. It makes many system-incompliant programs very unhappy. A-Max's does not need to be taken out nearly as often. A-Max's interface is also a bit more straightforward on the Amiga side.

Sharing Amiga Devices

A-Max IV: 100% Emplant: 100%

No complaints here for either board.

Value for Money: Emplant: 100% A-Max IV: 93%

Tough, tough, tough. Were it not for the fact that the Emplant now supports the crusty old 1.1 and 1.2 ROMs, this would be A-Max's category. As it is, though, the Emplant does give you a SCSI controller (not the greatest one in the world, but...) if you go with the Deluxe, which is rather reasonably priced. I've seen a dealer carrying them at \$330, which is amazing. Both offer the Mac serial ports, shareable from the Amiga side. A-Max IV does offer MIDI, but I regretfully couldn't test that bit. Emplant wins here, but it's close.

Sound Support: A-Max IV: 100% Emplant: 95%

Were it not for the SoundMaster thing, A-Max would have won by more. It simply slows down less when playing MODs.

The conclusion is up to you. BOTH boards are quality items and I would recommend a different board to different people. Someone who would be dealing with lots of Mac software would want A-Max IV or to track down a Macdrive and the AMIA interface from UU, but the A-Max has it built in. If you've got a lot of video to do, especially on a board A-Max doesn't support, you go with the Emplant. If you've got a 4000 and no SCSI controller, go Emplant. If you want MIDI, go A-Max.

Hopefully, I've given enough information over the last few months to help everyone reach the conclusion they need about the boards. It's been a lot of fun.

I'll return with some spot reviews if I ever get Photoshop running... maybe when one of those 24-bit companies finally sends me something.

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Keep the emulators warm.

1.18 CIX

CIX (Compulink Information eXchange) is an online community of about 15-20k users (we call ourselves cixen) of all kinds. I'm not sure of the exact figure but it's in this region. The main attraction of CIX is the conferencing facilities. Conferences range from the obvious computer issues to everything from cooking, gardening, television and films and anything else you can think of. If you happen to be a llama breeder and can't find a conf that caters for your needs then you just start up your own conf and get your fellow llama breeders to join in.:) CIX admin don't interfere with the creation of new conferences and won't say no unless you are breaking the law in some way.:)

Just about every computer that has seen the light of day has a conference dedicated to it. If it's a *really* obscure machine then it will probably be discussed in the cultmachines or obsolete conferences. :)

The Amiga areas on CIX are pretty lively at the moment because of C='s current problems. There's a lot of discussion, argument and flaming. Everyone has a view of what went wrong and how to put it right. And everyone's right of course! ;-)

alt.alt.amiga For people too offbeat to be accepted in alt.amiga

Here's a quick list of some Amiga related conferences:

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              Just Amiga Monthly feedback, discussion and contributions.
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There are plenty of others. ;-) Each of these conferences is divided up

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into topics for holding files or for talk on a specific subject.

I hope this gives you an idea of what CIX is about. The Amiga community on CIX is pretty large and very vocal. All the UK Amiga magazines are represented in some way and there are plenty of Amiga developers. We even have the honour of having representatives from CATS-US and CBM-UK popping in every now and again.

1.19 Portal

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Rates and Connect Information:

BIX membership costs \$13 per month, plus connect time. There are several different ways to connect:

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At the Name? prompt, type bix.amrpt

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1.22 Editor.Gadget v1.0

TITLE

Editor.Gadget

VERSION

1.0

AUTHOR

Mark Thomas

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Smail: 1515 Royal Crest Dr. #3259 Austin, TX 78741

DESCRIPTION

The editor.gadget is a BOOPSI gadget for text entry, supporting multiple lines, borders, two cursor types, an optional notepad look, font setting, style setting, and much more.

A programmer who is familiar with BOOPSI can use this gadget by simply creating an instance and then adding the gadget instance to a window's gadget list. All text editing is then handled by the gadget. When the programmer needs the text in the gadget, he/she can just read the text in. When the gadget is no longer needed

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it can be deleted.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The gadget requires OS 2.04 and up. From the user's standpoint, for OS 2.04 and 2.1 the gadget must be placed in a drawer where the application that uses it exists, and for OS 3.0 and up the gadget can be installed in SYS:Classes/Gadgets.

HOST NAME

It is available on Aminet. Aminet's main site is ftp.wustl.edu (128.252.135.4).

DIRECTORY

/pub/aminet/dev/gui

FILE NAME

editorgadget.lha

PRICE

I do not require a fee to be paid by end users of the gadget, but the programs that use the gadget may require paying a fee of some sort, which should be directed to the author of that software, not me.

The cost for using this gadget in a program is that I get a copy of the software package it is used in, at no cost to me. The purpose of this requirement is that I will be able to evaluate future needs of the gadget. Also, there should be mention of the gadget and author in the programs and documentation of the programs that use the gadget. In programs you can drop a short line in the About requester: editor.gadget by Mark Thomas.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

The archive may be distributed only in its entirety to anywhere, such as ftp sites, a BBS, or a disk collection such as Fish disks.

The editor.gadget file itself, and portions of the documentation pertaining to editor keyboard sequences can be distributed with software packages that use the gadget.

In light of the fact that I give people the right to copy the archive and certain files, I can't actually retain a "copy" right, so therefore I am retaining the maintenance right (not recognized by law I'm sure). This right gives me the exclusive ability to make modifications to the files in the archive.

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Please send any bug reports or suggestions to me. There is a fully working example program that uses the gadget in the archive.

Enjoy!

1.23 QuickTools v1.1

TITLE

QuickTools

VERSION

Release 1.1 (05 May 94)

COMPANY

Ultima Thule Software

AUTHOR

Eivind Nordseth Email: eivindno@idt.unit.no

DESCRIPTION

QuickTools is the tool package for the harddisk owner who is tired of writing long pathnames when changing directories and who doesn't have the time to search for files manually. QuickTools consists mainly of four small utilities and a library where the search routines are. All search routines support standard AmigaDOS wildcards.

Qcd:

With this you can change directory by only writing enough of the directory name to identify it. The directory can be anywhere on the harddisk. If more than one directory maches the search word a requester will pop up and you can select the directory you want to change to.

If you want to change to a directory with the Path: $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NOT}\text{-}\mathsf{FOR}\text{-}\mathsf{MAIL}}$

It's several ways to do it: You can write:
'Qcd Harddisk0:Work/SAS/SelfMade/QuickCD' (the hard way)
Or just: 'Qcd qui' (the fast way)

OFind:

Search for files, scans through the database in just a few seconds.

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QPop:

A commodity for file and directory searching.

QMan:

A documentation finding utility which uses the database to locate the documentation file for a specified program. The file found can be shown with a configurable viewer. These programs are a must for any serious hard-disk user!!

NEW FEATURES

Brief summary of news and fixes for Release 1.1:

- o Default arguments for most commands can be put in environment variables.
- o QCD opens selection requester on the active public screen if possible.
- o Posiblilites to disable the selection requester in QCD.
- o GetQInfo has got a number of new parameters: OLDERTHAN, DELAY, SAVEREQUEST, EXCLUDEDIR, EXCLUDEFILE.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Requires an Amiga with OS compatible with Workbench 2.04. A harddisk is also nice to have :-)

HOST NAME

QuickTools is ftp uploaded to Aminet and can be found at: wuarchive.wustl.edu 128.252.135.4

It should also be available at all other Aminet sites.

DIRECTORY

Directory: /pub/aminet/util/cli

FILE NAMES

Filemame : QuickToolsR11.lha

PRICE

QuickTools Release 1.1 is FreeWare.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

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1.24 Beginner's Guide to Amiga E v1.0

TITLE

Beginner's Guide to Amiga E

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VERSION

Edition 1.0. Covers the latest (PD) version 2.1b of Amiga E.

AUTHOR

Jason R. Hulance <jason@fsel.com> (or <m88jrh@ecs.ox.ac.uk>).

DESCRIPTION

This Guide is intended to be complementary to the existing Amiga E documentation, and it is aimed at the beginner, rather than the more experienced programmer. Amiga E is (currently) an Amiga specific programming language, designed and implemented by Wouter van Oortmerssen. It has become quite popular due to, amongst other things, its amazingly fast compilation speed and its similarity to C and Modula-2.

The Guide is divided into three main parts: the first assumes very little knowledge of programming and progresses through the second to describe all aspects of the Amiga E language. The third part is dedicated to some illustrative examples. Experienced programmers (who are new to Amiga E) may find the second part useful for learning the language, especially if read in conjunction with Wouter's documentation.

The topics covered in Part One include procedures, variables and expressions. Part Two builds on this, describing the type system (including the list and string types), quoted expressions, built-in functions, modules, exceptions and recursion.

The Guide may also be used as a quick reference, since it includes both a language and a concept index. The concept index is pretty exhaustive. The language index covers all the language keywords and built-in functions, constants and variables.

There are two forms of the Guide included in the archive: an AmigaGuide(R), hypertext version and an ANSI text version. (The latter is the more suitable for printing, using standard Amiga printer drivers.) Other forms are available (such as a more AmigaGuide-v34 friendly version) from the author (see below).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

To get the most from this you need the Amiga E package, obviously. The current version is v2.1b and is Public Domain. You can find it in, for instance, the dev/e directory on any Aminet site. If you don't already have a copy, try it: you might be very surprised.

There is a text version of the Guide in the archive, so you don't need to use a hypertext viewer, but it is preferable.

HOST NAME

Aminet. For example, ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk (146.169.2.1) in the UK.

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DIRECTORY

/pub/aminet/dev/e

FILE NAMES

BeginnersGuide.lzh (200Kbytes)

PRICE

Free. A more AmigaGuide-v34 friendly version is also available, but separately from the author (to keep the archive size down). Also, a TeX dvi and a PostScript version are available for a small cost (five UK pounds). They don't contain anything more, but are much nicer for printing (the cross references and indexes, especially).

DISTRIBUTABILITY

The archive is freely distributable so long as it is complete and unaltered. All versions of the Guide are Copyright (c) 1994, Jason R. Hulance.

OTHER

Amiga E v3.0 is due out sometime soon. Wouter has been doing a grand job extending and improving the language. There are a lot of really exciting new features. This Guide will hopefully be completely revised to cover the new version. You, the reader, are strongly encouraged to help me improve it by sending me your criticisms.

1.25 ImageDex v2.1

TITLE

ImageDex 2.1

AUTHOR

Zach Williams (zachws@ids.net)

Precision Imagery PO Box 20676 Cranston, RI 02920

DESCRIPTION

Update and bug-fix to utility program that acts as a graphic front-end to Art Department Professional 2.2 to 2.5. Program will take a series of image files (any format) and create an image index of scaled down "thumb-nail" pictures, labelled appropriately.

Useful for catalogging images, textures and anim frames, allowing them to be stored off the main system.

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NEW FEATURES

- Several bug fixes from version 2.0
- Multiple output resolutions, including PAL screens.
- New output modes (DCTV, 24-bit IFF, HAM8)
- Greatly improved requesters uses ReqTools
- More choices for number of pictures per image
- Full menus with hot-keys
- Options for printable output (ex. gray-scale, white background)
- Cleaner, sharper, more colorful output
- Fuel-gauge type "% Complete" display
- Many bug fixes from 1.0

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- AmigaDOS 2.0+
- Art Department Professional 2.2+
- ARexx

HOST

Aminet FTP sites (ftp.wustl.edu, ftp.luth.se, etc)

DIRECTORY

pub/aminet/gfx/misc

FILENAME

ImagDx21.lha

PRICE

ShareWare, \$15 reg. fee.

DISTRIBUTION

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Olympia, Washington

1.52 LAHO

Our host machine is a 386/33 with 20MB of memory, 1GB harddisk and a CD-ROM drive running in a Novell network. The BBS software is a Norwegian origin MBBS running in a DesqView windows.

We have now (26th March 1994) over 10000 files online (mostly for the Commodore Amiga line of the personal computers.)

Every user has an access to download filelist (LAHOFIL.ZIP), list of the Finnish 24-hour BBS's (BBSLIST.ZIP or BBSLIST.LHA) and every issue of the Amiga Report Magazine (AR101.LHA-AR???.LHA) even on their first call.

The system has been running since 1989 and is sponsored by the local telephone company, Vaasan Läänin Puhelin Oy.

BTW, LAHO stands for "LAtomeren Höyrylaiva Oy" = "Barnsea Steamship Co."

Welcome on board!

1.53 Falling BBS

* FALLING BBS *

Official Amiga Report Distribution Site -- Norway

* Running ABBS *

Christopher Naas, Sysop

+47 69 256117 V.32bis 24hrs - 7 days

EMail: naasc@cnaas.adsp.sub.org

1.54 Command Line BBS

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* COMMAND LINE BBS *

Official Amiga Report Distribution Site -- Canada Canada's Amiga Graphics & Animation Source * Running AmiExpress BBS *

Nick Poliwko, Sysop

416-533-8321 V.32 24hrs - 7 days

Toronto, Canada

1.55 Leguans Byte Channel

* LEGUANS BYTE CHANNEL *

Official Amiga Report Distribution Site -- Germany

* Running EazyBBS V2.11 * Andreas Geist, Sysop

Usenet: andreas@lbcmbx.in-berlin.de

24 hrs - 7 days

Line 1: 49-30-8110060 USR DS 16.8 Line 2: 49-30-8122442 USR DS 16.8

Login as User: "amiga", Passwd: "report"

1.56 Stingray Database BBS

1.57 T.B.P. Video Slate

* T.B.P. VIDEO SLATE *
Official Amiga Report Distribution Site
An Amiga dedicated BBS for All
 * Running Skyline 1.3.2 *
 Mark E Davidson, Sysop
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201-586-3623 USR 14.4 HST
 Rockaway, New Jersey

Full Skypix menus + normal and ansi menu sets. Instant Access to all. Download on the first call.

Hardware: Amiga 500 Tower custom at 14 MHz, 350 Meg maxtor, 125 Meg SCSI Maxtor, 125 Meg IDE Maxtor, Double Speed CD rom, 9 meg RAM

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1.58 Amiga Central

Hardware: Amiga 3000 Tower 68030+882@25MHz, 105 meg Quantum, 225 meg Seagate, 200m 14.4k modem

1.59 Continental Drift



1.60 Amiga Online Bs Heemstede

Amiga Online Bs Heemstede

* HeadQuarters of Online Products *

Official Amiga Report Distribution Site -- The Netherlands

* Running Xenolink 1.90 *

Your SysOp is Michiel Willems

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

Fidonet : 2:280/464.0

DAN Host HQ : 55:100/1.0

Amynet Host : 39:151/1.0

NLA : 14:102/203.0

BOSnet Hub : 99:999/2.0

e-mail SysOp : michiel@aobh.wlink.nl

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Heemstede, The Netherlands, Europe, The Earth

Very nice menu's
660 Megs HD online - ALOT of software
ALOT of messages - VERY fast BBS program
Point support - Lot's of doors online
Just freq AR of AR.LHA for the latest issue available

The system is running on an Amiga 2000 with a HARMS-Prof-3000 030 turboboard at 29Mhz and a copro at 50Mhz, 7MB RAM, 660 Meg HD space and soon 1 Gigabyte HD space.

Every issue from Amiga Report Magazine online as far as the first issue.

1.61 Guru Meditation

* GURU MEDITATION *
Official Amiga Report Distribution Site -- Spain
* Running Remote Access *
Javier Frias, SysOp
+34-1-383-1317 V.32bis
24 hours - 7days
Spain

1.62 Moonlight Sonata DLG

MOONLIGHT SONATA DLO

* Amiga Report Official Distribution Site * * DAS ModPlayer Support *

Node #1 - +358-18-161763 - ZyXEL V32b 19200 Node #2 - +358-18-161862 - HST DS V32 14400 Fidonet: 2:221/112.0

Keyboards: Erno Tuomainen

Amiga3000 25MHz - 1.3Gigs HD BBS Software: Dialog Pro BB/OS

1.63 LINKSystem LINK-CH1

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LINKSystem LINK-CH1 Official Amiga Report Distribution Site - Switzerland in local newsgroup link-ch1.ml.amiga-report

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1.64 Doom of Darkness

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* Doom of Darkness *
           * Home of AmBoS *
Official Amiga Report Distribution Site -- Germany
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Marc Doerre (Marc_Doerre), Sysop (BBS-Owner/AmBoS-Support)
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1.65 RedEye BBS

REDEYE BBS

* Running EXCELSIOR/UUCP/AFAX *

"Official Amiga Report Distribution Site Germany/Europe"
Sysop: Thorsten Meyer

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1.66 Virtual Palace BBS

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* Virtual Palace BBS *

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300-14400 Baud V.42bis AmiExpress 2.40 700 Mbytes

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Leland Whitlock (Leland), Co-Sysop

1.67 Where to find Amiga Report

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