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RE: Insecta

To my person:

Welcome. *Insecta* is a basic Entomology program for ages 8 and up. Currently there are eight insects representing eight different orders of Phylum Arthropoda, Class *Insecta*. The program is operable (once installed) using a mouse.

Hardware requirements: Any Personal Computer running Windows 95 or Windows 3.1 should be capable of running *Insecta*. However, a 256 color video adapter operating at 640 x 480 resolution is <u>highly</u> recommended. A sound card is supported if available under windows.

Insecta runs best at 640 x 480 resolution. This is the standard VGA size resolution. If you must run at a higher resolution, you may need to configure for small fonts.

Technical note: To configure your Windows screen resolution, run <u>Windows Setup</u> in the Main group of the Windows Program Manager. To be safe, make a note of the Display Driver you are currently using. Select <u>Change System Settings</u> in the Options menu. You should then be able to select a 640 x 480 x 256 screen resolution. **Windows 95** makes this process a lot easier; Pick Start-Settings-Control Panel-Display then the Settings tab. Animation should be smoother under Windows 95 compared with Windows 3.1.

Installation: With Windows running, Choose **Run...** from the File menu of the Program Manager. **Windows 95** users should use the Start button to select Run**.** Use **Browse...** to locate the *Insecta* **SETUP.EXE** file and press the OK button. *Insecta* requires 1.2 Megabytes of free disk space on the target drive for the shareware version or 6.0 megabytes for the registered version. All files are installed to \INSECTA on a selected drive (we don't copy files to your Windows system directories). To later remove Insecta, simply delete this directory using the windows file manager.

Double-Click on the Insecta icon from the Program Manager to begin *Insecta*.

Note: Once *Insecta* is running, if you do not see the entire screen, press the maximize (up-arrow) in the upper right portion of the window. If you still do not see the entire screen, you will need to configure for 640 x 480 using Small Fonts (see above for details).

Running Insecta: *Insecta* begins with Betsy the Owl welcoming you. You will hear her speak if you have sound installed in your computer and are using the registered version. Press OK to continue to Basic Insect Anatomy. By pressing the 'smiley-face' on the toolbar, you can always return to the beginning of the program.

   Basic Anatomy: Reading the text on the sidebar should provide enough clues to identify the major body regions. You will be required to 'click-and-drag' the words. To do so, position the mouse over the word EYES and press the left mouse button. <u>Without releasing the button</u>, position the word EYES over the appropriate white box and then release the button. Continue for all labels.

   Sample Insects: Each insect chosen to represent an order will require you to 'click-and-drag' the appropriate wings or legs over the insect.

   Quiz: For review, two quizzes require that the order name be matched to the appropriate sample insect. There should be enough clues on the screen for someone who has forgotten the order names to complete the quiz correctly.

School/Museum version:
When finished with the second quiz, the program returns to the beginning. A dialog box appears and asks for a name. Although it is not required that a name be entered, it is recommended in situations where children take turns running *Insecta*. The name will appear in the title bar (at the top of the window) and gives the user a sense of 'ownership' for the duration of the session. This should help prevent other children from 'pushing' their way onto the computer during a session. The 'Enter your name' dialog also presents an obvious point for a child to offer the computer to someone else.

I hope you (and the children) find *Insecta* Educational, Easy to use, and Fun. I welcome any comments that you may have and encourage you to Fax or write me with your opinions.

Shareware version:
INSECTA.ZIP should contain exactly three files:

SETUP.EXE
DISK1.JRL
README.WRI (this file)

To help users unfamiliar with 'ZIP' compression, you can copy these files to a diskette and label it as follows:
"Insecta - Shareware version 1.0. To install Run A:SETUP". Copy the original ZIP as well.

Redistribution information: Please feel free to share INSECTA.ZIP. Interscape gives you permission to distribute the Shareware version of Insecta provided you comply with the following two conditions:

1.   The complete and unmodified version of INSECTA is provided. This means that INSECTA.ZIP should contain exactly the three files mentioned above when uploaded to a BBS. Diskettes and ROM's can contain the above files uncompressed.
2.   Shareware 'disk' resellers make it clear that Insecta is Shareware and the customer is purchasing the disk, not the shareware program.

Registration or additional copies:
For $20.00 you can purchase a registered version of Insecta which contains sound and animation files too large (6 Megabytes) to distribute as shareware. Please send a check to the above address and we will return a registered copy to you. Registration is also available through CompuServe (SWREG id 5679).

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Interscape Corporation is a small company dedicated to producing affordable windows multimedia programs that are extremely easy to use. Insecta is a flagship product. Education, multimedia brochures, company reports, training applications and even personal resumes or portfolios are examples of applications that benefit from the flair multimedia provides. Interscape can provide software consulting as well as graphic design services.

Sincerely,

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