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1.1 Amiga Report Online Magazine #4.11 -- August 27, 1996

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, authors of the upcoming
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Grrr. Everybody hates waiting. In fact, I don't think there's much you can tell me about the subject that I don't already know.

You hate waiting for the deal to be done. I hate waiting for the deal to be done. I hate waiting until I have enough spare time to do Amiga Report. You hate waiting for Amiga Report. It's a cruel world we live in.

But, a couple of weeks late, I've finally forced myself to sit down and get this issue out.

August 19th came and went. VIScorp needed, and got, a 30 day extension to the terms of the purchase contract from VIScorp, in order to secure financing from an organization that needed more documentation. In the meantime, Amiga shows have been happening and a new batch is coming up for the fall and early winter. It's going to be an interesting close to 1996, I can tell.

More to tell? I only wish.

Jason

1.9 Commercial Products

Commercial Products

Capital Punishment

The upcoming action game from ClickBOOM

AWeb-II

The WWW Browser, coming from AmiTriX

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A great place for Amiga users.

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1.10 Capital Punishment Is Coming...

THEY say: "Amiga games suck"

THEY say: "Developers are gone"

THEY say: "No more good games"

THEY say: "Amiga is dead"

...well, WE say:

F*@% THEM !!!

We are clickBOOM - the angriest team in cyberspace

We have developed an amazing combat epic for Amiga
called Capital Punishment

It is what players asked for:

playable
fluid
fast
realistic...

And what they hoped for:

violent
wild
engrossing
adrenaline-pumping...

And it's coming soon to blow your Amiga away!

You'll engage in battle against warriors, ninjas, aliens, and
an assortment of other fearsome opponents in some of the goriest
fighting scenes ever seen in a video game.

Amiga Computing - "Capital Punishment could take fighting games
into the next millennium"

Amiga Format - "Capital Punishment has been proclaimed as
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CU Amiga - "Frame rate is higher than any fighting game I've seen"

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<http://www.io.org/~clkboom/amiga/>

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beware...Punishment is coming

1.11 AmiTriX Development, Publishers of AWeb-II

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Direct Mail Order Price List

July - 1996

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Product Description	CAN \$	US \$
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AWeb-II (AWeb2.0/HTML-Heaven2.0 WWW Software)	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00
SCSI-TV HD controller for CDTV with 2.5" Drive Adapter	\$190.00	\$149.00
SCSI-TV for CDTV, with-out Adapter	\$180.00	\$142.00
SCSI-TV570 HD controller for A570 with 2.5" Adapter	\$200.00	\$157.00
SCSI-TV570 for A570, with-out Adapter	\$190.00	\$149.00
Amiga-Link/Envoy Starter Kit (2-unit), - the peer-to-peer network for external floppy port. - (also available as expander kit with extra cable)	\$270.00	\$210.00
Amiga-Link/Envoy Expander Kit (1-unit)	\$175.00	\$135.00
Amiga-Link Expansion Kit (1-unit)	\$135.00	\$105.00
Amiga-Link Accecories:		
2-way Floppy Port Splitter	\$ 39.00	\$ 31.00
RG58 cable - 1m(3.5ft.)	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00
RG58 cable - 5m(16.5ft.)	\$ 13.00	\$ 10.50
RG58 cable - 10m(33ft.)	\$ 17.50	\$ 14.00
- (custom lengths available on request)		
Extra BNC-T connectors	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.50
Special - One Only		
DblScan 4000 Video Card	\$265.00	\$190.00
The P-Net Box, a ParNet Adapter	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00

AM33C93A-16PC SCSI controller for 3000/2091/HC+8	\$ 26.00	\$ 20.00
A3000 U202/U203 chip ram control PALs - each	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00
External Active SCSI Terminator - C50 male	\$ 29.75	\$ 23.50
Internal Active SCSI Terminator - IDC50 male	\$ 19.00	\$ 15.00
External Passive SCSI Terminator - C50 male/female	\$ 12.25	\$ 9.75
External SCSI Drive Box		
- (Mini-Tower e/w: C50/Internal bus/C50 pass-thru)	\$145.00	\$115.00
DIY Cable Kit (Internal) for Mini-T Ext. SCSI Box	\$ 30.00	\$ 23.50
DB23 solder-type connector		
- male, female, or chrome hood - each	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.25

Repair Services:

- A1200/4000 CIA replacements, General repairs	\$ Call	\$ Call
- SMD equipment fixed charge	\$ 35.00	\$ 28.00
- Labour rate per hour	\$ 35.00	\$ 28.00

Shipping Costs: (most large boxed items)

First Class Mail: within Canada	\$ 10.00	
within USA		\$ 10.00
International	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.00
Shipping: (for small bubble-packet items)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Orders should include a Bank Draft/Money Order or Postal MO, payable to AmiTriX Development in CAN or US dollars. COD orders inside Canada only. Shipping costs may vary for quantity orders/alternative method of shipment. Canadian customers add 7% GST to all orders.

1.12 Reader Mail

Reader Mail

Date: Sat, 24 Aug 1996 00:31:26 -0600 (MDT)
 From: James Weckler <James.Weckler@m.cc.utah.edu>
 Subject: amigas in the news

Hi.

I have some info you might/might not be interested in:

#1--In the June 24, 1996 issue of "MicroTimes: Northern California's Computer Magazine", on p.264, there is, in the section devoted to "Multimedia and Beyond", an article entitled: "Using Amigas On The Tonight Show: An Interview With Mac McAlpin." The article was written by Douglas J. Nakakihara.

#2--In the August 19, 1996 issue of "Electronic Engineering Times", on p.1, there is an article entitled: "Hola, Amiga: rebirth of a platform -- Set-top maker buys rights to PC world's grande dame." The article was written by Craig Matsumoto. Interestingly, since the article is continued on p.146, there is a second title/headline on p.146 which reads: "Amiga

platform gets a shot at revival -- Viscorp plans a future for the computer that won't die."

Just thought I'd share what I'd read. BTW, both articles were sent to me by family members who at first thought I was extremely flaky because I own 2 A500s, but who are slowly learning about and becoming interested in the Amiga.

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p.s.--Thank you for Amiga Report--It and Amazing Computing and the WWW are my surest sources for information about my favorite computer. :-)

Date: Thu, 15 Aug 1996 09:50:54 -0700 (PDT)
From: Tim Boland <tboland@premier1.net>
Subject: TTR

Dear Jason,

First of all, like many Amiga owners, I appreciate the news and updates I find in Amiga Report.

I'm writing today because I purchased a floptical drive a few years ago from Todd Butson of TTR. As you probably know, he gave up his business a couple of years ago. He was located in Madison, WI as I recall.

I have an A 3000 and hope to upgrade from 2.0 to 3.1 soon, but wonder if in doing so a small program Todd wrote called "ttrsense" will be compatible. I have a large number of files on floptical and don't want to lose the compatibility!

Do you have a recent address and/or phone number for him. It's likely he has an upgrade for "ttrsense" if I can just find him? If you don't know, would you please post this in Amiga Report in hopes that someone can help.

Thanks.

Tim Boland
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PS. I'd also like to know about compatibility of WordPerfect 4.1.12 (Wordperfect's last Amiga release) with 3.1 OS, not only to read/write files but also to print them. Any help greatly appreciated!

Date: Mon, 29 Jul 1996 09:28:53 -0700
From: GreyFox <jude@p3.enzian.com>
Subject: No Amiga Computers at Disney

Dear Jason,

My name is Jude Anthony. I became an Amiga owner when I bought my A3000, and later started working for an Amiga store in Orlando, FL. The store went under due to the mail-order mentality of most of Orlando's Amiga users, but that's not why I'm writing to you.

I've known about Disney's use of Amigas for a while, and tried to tell people about it. I've seen the ones at MGM's Indiana Jones Stunt Spectacular, and I know they are in use at other attractions. I was working at the store when Universal Studios ordered an A2000 and the Richmond control system for their Rocky & Bullwinkle show. I had always wondered why no one would talk to me about the Amigas at attractions, and I was soon to find out.

When I rang up the sale, I had to bill the Amiga as a "control device." Disney and other attractions have exclusive contracts with Big Blue to use only IBM computers. I can only hope that the Amiga becomes as impressive as it used to be before the contracts are ready for review; perhaps VisCorp could steal the exclusive away!

I just thought you might like to know that Amigas Are Out There. The companies that use them just have to Deny Everything.

Keep up the good work with AR.

Later,
Jude Anthony
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From: TEdelmal@vines.etn.com
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Subject: Amiga Report Letter to the Editor

If anyone asks, the Amiga computer is dead. I sincerely doubt that VIScorp will be able to offer a competitively priced, modern desktop Amiga. VIScorp should concentrate their efforts on producing their set-top box. (You know, the one that 's *not* first to market and probably won't be a market success. Wow! Emerson... that name sure evokes quality.)

I've been a loyal Amiga user and have held numerous offices in more than one Amiga users group since I bought my first Amiga, an A1000, shortly after it was introduced. I later bought an A2000 shortly after its introduction. I didn't buy an A3000 or an A4000 because the "improvements" did not represent a significant value to me, especially at those prices. I have two A2000s now. They're both aging, and all the add-ons (A2630, RapidFire SCSI, EMPLANT, Spectrum EGS Video, Cybergraphix, MagicWB, AmigaDOS 3.1) I've bought over the years to try to keep them up to date just aren't reliable. I'm going to buy a new computer in the next 12 months and I can guarantee that it won't be an A4000T. Like the majority of [former] Amiga users, I'm looking at Macintosh and "WINTEL" PCs. The Macs are most appealing to me, of course. In the price range of the A4000T is a brand new computer from Apple, the Macintosh Performa 6400/200. It looks like an excellent value. It's a tower case model with a 200 MHz 603e PowerPC processor, 40MHz 64-bit bus, and lots of features (28.8 FAX/MODEM,

8X CD-ROM, 16MB RAM, 2.4GB HD, 800x600 16-bit color, SCSI, 16-bit stereo, surround sound, sub-woofer, and a great bundle of pre-loaded software) . If VIScorp were to introduce an Amiga with the same hardware, I might be willing to pay a \$300-500 premium for the Amiga's co-processing and multi-tasking advantages. I really don't think the now obsolete AmigaDOS 3.1 and co-processor features increase the intrinsic value of the A4000 to the level of modern PowerPC and Pentium powered machines. They don't have co-processors, but they have nearly enough muscle to be considered similar performing machines. My A1000 could multitask in 256K, but memory isn't expensive anymore. [When's the last time you priced a 16 or 32MB SIMM?] The Amiga's co-processing advantage is very quickly being narrowed.

Given what ESCOM and VIScorp have said in the past, I sincerely doubt if VIScorp, or anyone else for that matter, could sell an Amiga desktop computer with modern hardware at a competitive price in the near future. It is time to close the curtain on the Amiga desktop computer and move on.

1.13 30 More Days

30 More Days

VIScorp, Chicago, IL - August 20, 1996

On 20th August 1996, the trustee for the bankruptcy of ESCOM AG and AMIGA Technologies GmbH, Bernhard Hembach, extended the closing date for VIScorp's purchase of AMIGA for 30 days with the support of ESCOM creditors.

While the agreement is firm, one of the financial institutions supporting VIScorp in the transaction required more documentation to authorize their portion of the funding. Satisfied that VIScorp would meet these requirements, the closing date was extended.

The closing will not be extended past this date.

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1.14 Jay Miner Tape

Many years ago, 1991, my club flew Jay Miner to one of our annual big shows we held. Jay gave a fairly long talk on the Amiga and its history and his personal work on it. During this we had a professional video tape camera setup on the scene taping every word and scene. Oddly enough the tape was

mostly forgotten till a few months ago. The creator of this tape, asked if anyone was interested in getting a copy. The response has been incredible here. I thought that everyone interested in the Amiga and Jay Miner would love to have a copy. We decided to offer it everywhere we could. We are offering the tape with shipping for only \$15! Mail your orders to:

MCCC
P.O. Box 813
Bedford, Texas 76095

We can't take credit card orders, but if you want to talk to our club treasurer, his name is John Malmstrom. His number is (817)282-6158. Checks or Money Orders should be made out to the Metroplex Commodore Computer Club.

Anyone interested in coming to our annual show this year it will be Sept. 28th at the Arlington Convention Center. E-Mail me for more details...

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1.15 Enigma Screenshots

E N I G M A
screenshots now on Aminet - check'em out!

The most destructive shoot'em up ever - it's one hell of a blast!
Hi-res overscan horizontal scrolling shoot'em up.

Screenshots + info now freely available on Aminet
Check out :
pix/illu/enigma.lha
on Aminet

Format : AMIGA AGA only! (only the Amiga can cope!)
HD installable, uses upto 6MB mem, 4 disks, accelerator cards, etc.
Release Date : Oct'96 Publisher: OTM Developer: Centillion

- * The most technically advanced and innovative horizontal scrolling multi-player shoot'em up on any format! Big claim? Play the game!
 - * Awesome graphics in crisp clean hi-res overscan detail - featuring some spectacular 3D-rendered imagery and some of the most fantastic hand crafted graphics and animation yet seen in a shoot'em up
 - * A complete visual treat - upto 300 colours on screen - full 50 frames/sec action!
 - * Innovative multi-layered overscan parallax with varied playfield priorities and radical special fx.
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- * Random gameplay features, play a unique game every time, no two games the same - unpredictable and exciting gaming every time!
Collect weaponry powerup's and discover hidden secrets!
- * The Best ever soundtracks, specially composed music created with high-end MIDI equipment and expertly converted for absolutely breathtaking results!
- * Music AND Sound effect mixing. Specially developed state-of-the-art realtime multi-channel sample interpolation & music overlaying techniques. Listen to the kicking soundtracks while you wipe out another enemy colony!
- * Full Language Localisation supporting English, French, German and Italian speaking people.
- * Fully hard-disk installable. Advanced automatic ram-caching for high speed loading out of memory when additional fast-ram is available. Takes full advantage of upto 4 Megabytes of additional fast-memory. If your machine has the extra grunt Enigma will use it!
- * much much more!

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1.16 The Informer

Dear Amiga Dealer/Developer:

Would you like to find a way for your Amiga products to get more exposure? Would you like thousands of devoted Amiga users to know what you produce and how your products can be found? If so, then let me introduce you to The Informer, a newsletter that caters directly to the Amiga community.

As you know, the best way to serve the Amiga platform and ensure its growth is to provide information directly to the user. Through The Informer Newsletter we can offer you the opportunity to do just that.

What Is The Informer?

The Informer Newsletter (ISSN 1089-4616) is a concise encapsulated resource of Amiga information and contacts which helps readers stay connected with new Amiga developments, products and the latest news. The Informer provides readers with Email addresses, BBS listings, Web Page URL's, phone and FAX numbers and other means for readers to communicating with dealers, developers and Amiga services. The Informer's staff are all committed and passionate Amiga users, and are proud to produce the entire newsletter using only Amiga computers.

Who Reads The Informer?

Currently there are over 3000 printed copies of The Informer distributed bimonthly. Each issue is distributed to our growing subscriber base, which includes over 125 users groups, and through many various dealers, including: Anti Gravity, Safe Harbor, Zipperware, IAM, Legendary Designs, Wonder and others. These dealers enclose issues of The Informer with all their Amiga orders. We provide free copies to anyone (in North America) who requests them and actively promote this policy on many Amiga internet newsgroups including CompuServe and Genie. Also, we announce this offer in Amiga Report on-line magazine and are included with Turtle Lightning Software's disk catalog and print mailings, which reach over 3400 individual Amiga owners. In addition, each issue of The Informer is submitted to the newsletter review magazine, Factsheet 5, where a review of The Informer is printed in their monthly magazine. The Informer will also be published to our web page, where viewers can page through selected past and present articles.

Our subscriber base is rapidly growing due, in part, to some of the exciting benefits we offer. Not only do subscribers get free classified ad space to sell their used Amiga products, but they are also automatically entered in a bimonthly prize drawing. In each issue we will be awarding an Amiga product to a random subscriber.

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Commercial Reviews: Starting with Issue 4 (in which we review Aweb II), each issue of The Informer will feature a review of a commercial software product. If you would like to have a review of your product printed in a future issue, send us a review copy of your software.

Commercial Announcements: The Informer will print any developer announcement about new products or upgrades.

Shareware Reviews: Shareware authors who wish to have the registered version of their product reviewed may submit them for printed review.

Shareware Announcements: We will print shareware announcements and upgrades as space permits. Submit a brief "Readme" file with product information including Author, means of contact, brief description, requirements and availability.

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Developer Write-ups: Any Developer who wishes to have their company spotlighted in the "Developments" section of The Informer, should make an Email request for the Developer Questionnaire. By answering the questions on the questionnaire, a write-up of your company and products will be compiled.

Distribution: In an effort to get The Informer out to as many Amigans as possible, we are seeking companies who are willing to include our

Newsletter with all their Amiga orders. In return for this service, we will mention your company in a special section in The Informer.

Amiga Listings: If you would like your Amiga specific user group, BBS or Web Page listed in The Informer, send it to us and we'll print it in the "Contacts" section.

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One of the greatest problems with the Amiga market today is lack of confidence from consumers. People are not sure if they should spend money on an Amiga product. What they need is for developers, dealers and distributors to reassure them of their commitment to the products they produce and sell. Recognizing this, the Informer offers a variety of ways for advertisers to connect with the Amiga community.

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1.17 Directory Opus 5.5

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Directory Opus 5.5 is now available!

GPSoftware demonstrates its continuing support for the Amiga with the release of the new version the Amiga world's most popular directory and file management utility. After more than 12 months of extra development, Directory Opus 5.5 is more of a new version than just a simple update and contains many changes and enhancements over the original product.

After receiving many comments and useful suggestions from Opus users, almost every facet of the new program has been examined and subjected to user scrutiny, backed up by extensive field testing from very persistent Beta testers. This release extends the original Opus 5 concepts and provides many significant improvements in both operational power and usability. From the feedback we have received so far we are confident that

you will enjoy this new product more than ever!

Take a look at the following enhancements to see why an upgrade is a must!

- . A new Icon Action Mode gives all the power of name mode Listers but with icons.
 - . Button banks and Listers need no longer be activated first in order to see right and middle mouse button clicks.
 - . WorkBench Replacement Mode has been enhanced. Use Opus 5.5 with complete confidence to replace the standard Workbench.
 - . An integrated OpusFTP capability lets you access remote Internet sites directly from standard Opus Listers.
 - . Button banks can now be borderless with a sleek minimal dragbar instead of a full window border.
 - . New Filetype-specific pop-up menus allow special menus for icons and files. Use Filetypes to add custom menus for different types of files and icons.
 - . Custom buttons have a pop-up menu giving access to an extended selection of commands.
 - . New independent HotKeys are now supported.
 - . New Scripts system allows functions to be executed upon most system events.
 - . Custom menus have been improved with multiple user menus with sub items.
 - . New Automatic Filetype Creator allows you to create and test Filetypes with ease.
 - . A font viewer is now included. Just double-click on a font to view it.
 - . Listers now have field titles, single-click re-sorting by fields, plus a new version field which reads the internal version information from each file.
 - . New colour remapping of button and icon images with support for 'Magic Workbench' and similar systems.
 - . Cybergraphics RTG now supported.
 - . You can now selectively hide unwanted drive icons from the Opus main window.
 - . Enhanced clipboard support provides full cut, copy and paste in gadgets and file Listers.
 - . Listers are no longer blocked while busy - you can now resize,
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iconify, and scroll busy Listers.

. Icon and Lister snapshots are now stored separately from Workbench.

. Listers can now display a background picture or pattern.

. A new internal Opus CLI allows you quickly test commands and Arexx scripts.

. Several new internal commands and many new ARExx commands have been added or extended with new features. You can now even add you own internal commands with ARExx.

For more details see our WWW page at <http://www.livewire.com.au/gpsoft/>

Special Upgrade Offer for Registered Users!

Opus users who have registered direct with GPSoftware should look out for a special upgrade offer in your letter box over the next couple of weeks. Those registered with a local distributor should contact the distributors below for upgrade pricing and details.

Pricing and Distributors

Opus 5.5 Recomendated price is A\$129.00, US\$99, UK 59.99, DM139.00

Upgrade price for existing users is A\$65.00 plus A\$10.00 package and air mail postage.

Contact your local distributor or GPSoftware for further details.

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1.18 Bograts

Bograts Preview
Vulcan Software

Vulcan Software, respected publishers of well-known Amiga titles such as TimeKeepers and the infamous Valhalla series, have announced another title in their mid-price "Mini Series" range.

"Bograts - The Puzzling Misadventure" is a side-viewer platform puzzler, very much in the Vulcan software style of cute graphics and brow-furrowing action. In each of the 60 levels, your role as Mummy/Daddy Bograt is to guide your two baby Bogs through each level without getting them - or yourself - burnt, eaten, squashed or otherwise mangled. Although the main emphasis is on the problem-solving, platform elements such as Sonic-style springs and shovers appear.

Bograts is shaping up into an very promising and addictive brain-teaser. The full game is due to be released on September 1st 1996; look out for the full review in Amiga Report soon.

Vulcan will soon have their own WWW pages. Keep trying
<http://www.vulcan.co.uk>

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1.19 DrawStudio

ANNOUNCE: Release of DrawStudio illustration package information
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DATE: 7 August 1996

Graham and Andy Dean are proud to announce the imminent release of "DrawStudio" - their new drawing, illustration and presentation program for the Amiga. The program contains many professional features which are not found in any other Amiga programs and are usually associated with high priced packages on other platforms.

Working from a clear and standard Amiga interface, DrawStudio contains all the tools required to create illustrations on the Amiga, whether they be

for technical diagrams or for artistic presentation material. The ability to convert objects to bitmaps makes DrawStudio an ideal tool for creating graphics for World Wide Web pages or for use with other Amiga programs.

For a full list of features, please visit our WWW pages given at the top of this announcement, however the following are a small list of the features available:

- o Full 24bit colour support.
- o ARexx interface.
- o Multiple projects, pages and layers.
- o Powerful gradient fills.
- o Transparency, including gradient transparencies.
- o Bitmap and pattern fills.
- o An object's pen and fill may be filled independently.
- o Skew, perspective, wave, wedge, bulge, and freeform object and text warping.
- o Powerful object snapping, including snapping to grid and other objects.
- o Bezier curve editing, including cutting, joining, adding and deleting points.

A firm release date is not given as we are currently in discussions with distributors, however we hope that the Web pages will give a good taster of the program's abilities.

1.20 Roland JV-80 Patch Editor V1.0

TITLE

Roland JV-80 Patch Editor

VERSION

1.0

AUTHOR

Jon Rocatis - jon@funcom.com

DESCRIPTION

This is an advanced patch editor for the Roland JV-80 synthesizer. It allows you to edit almost all parameters in the synth. Creating your own sounds have never been easier or as much fun!

The program is build up using different windows for different parts of the synth. There are windows for TVA, TVF, Pitch, Waves, LFO etc.. All of these windows can be opened and closed as you please.

FEATURES

- Multi-window design
 - Graphical editing of envelopes
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- Patch bank editor with drag'n'drop support
- Support for all waveform expansion modules
- Is able to load raw SysEx dump JV-80 patches from ex. "SysExpert"
- Quick optional gadget help. Place the mouse pointer over a gadget and you will get an explanation of which effect that gadget has over the sound.
- 100% font sensitive
- Keyboard and/or mouse operated
- Online context sensitive AmigaGuide help
- Easy to install. Uses "Installer"

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

MUI 3.3 installed

AmigaOS 2.0 or better

The Apache main program. Available on Aminet. (mus/midi/apache.lha)

A Roland JV-80 synthesizer (not *needed* but the program is not very useful without :)

AVAILABILITY

Available on Aminet

<ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/mus/midi/rolandjv80.lha>

PRICE

30 USD. 25 USD if you want your keyfile by e-mail only.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

Shareware

1.21 PhotoAlbum V0.4

TITLE

PhotoAlbum

VERSION

0.4 (Pre-Release)

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DESCRIPTION

A picture management software for all Amigas (and Draco) feat. TrueColor support (thumbnails and picture windows) under CyberGraphX or reduced color output on AGA Amigas.

This program supports many picture formats, allows combinable subtitles under thumbnails, can open multiple picture windows (incl. scrolling and zooming functions) etc.

If you have a suitable graphic board with CyberGraphX WB emulation installed you can watch the pictures and thumbnails in full color quality (HiColor/TrueColor) on your Workbench or a private screen. Without CyberGraphX the normal color restrictions (2 to 256 colors) will lead to a reduced quality.

Additional features include conversion to some 24Bit formats (incl. JPEG, IFF-ILBM24, Targa), picture deletion etc.

Internally supported formats for loading:

- 1) IFF-ILBM (1 to 24Bit incl. HAM6/HAM8)
- 2) PhotoCD (Base format 768x512 or 512x768 (portrait))
- 3) JPEG (color and greyscale)
- 4) PPM/PGM/PBM (P1&P4 b&w, P5 grey, P6 color)
- 5) QRT (also known as dump format by PD raytracers as POV-Ray)
- 6) Targa
- 7) PCX
- 8) BMP
- 9) TIF (packbit-compr./uncompr.)
- 10) DEEP
- 11) YUV
- 12) VLAB raw
- 13) RGB
- 14) HHsYUVS_q sequence format
- 15) IFF-PBM (DPII)
- 16) ACBM
- 17) FBM
- 18) Sun raster (uncompressed)
- 19) MacPaint (b&w compressed 1Bit format; datafork only)
- 20) HHsXRL formats
- 21) binary-EPS bitmaps (RGB and CMYK)
- 22) TBCPlus frames/fields

The additional DataType support extends this list by many formats; DataTypes can e.g. be found on Aminet in util/DType. The DataType support is very fast, so that you can also view pictures in GIF or other formats quite fast for which Datatypes exist.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

OS3.0 or higher required
4MBytes FastRAM at least recommended

Optional for TrueColor/HighColor viewing:
cybergraphics.library V40 or higher and a suitable graphic board or Draco.
The CyberGraphX emulation is compatible with many graphic boards
(e.g. CyberVision, Piccolo, SD64, Spectrum, Picasso2, Retina-Z3,
Domino and Draco/Altairs)

AVAILABILITY

Any Aminet site
<ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/gfx/misc/photoalbum04.lha>

PRICE

Shareware fee:

Introduction offer (upto 30th June 1996!):

PhotoAlbum: 30DM or 22US\$

Standard price (from 1st July 1996):

PhotoAlbum: 40DM or 30US\$

Package offer:

PhotoAlbum + CyberShow Prof.: 50DM or 35US\$

Together with PhotoAlbum you can order fast universal modules for several image processing/painting programs at the special add-on price of 10DM or 7US\$ each; currently available: FastIFXModules (ImageFX), UniversalGIOModule (Photogenics) and UniversalXiPaintModule (XiPaint); all those modules include fast loading in many file formats and (new) TrueColor animation creation for CyberGraphX.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

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Limited demo version is freely distributable; registered users will receive a keyfile which enables all features.

OTHER

The freely distributable version has some restrictions (e.g. all pictures will only be displayed in greyscales) which disappear after you pay the shareware fee and receive a special personal keyfile (together with the latest version). Once registered, you can use new freely distributable versions as update with your keyfile.

1.22 EnPrint V2.1

[Reposted for distribution problems. -Dan]

TITLE

EnPrint

VERSION

2.1

COMPANY

Endicor Technologies, Inc.
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(Please note: this address will change within the next two months, but will remain valid for the next year. Please watch our Web site listed below for our new address, which has yet to be determined)

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WWW: <http://www.crl.com/~endicor>

AUTHOR

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DESCRIPTION

This is a standard Amiga printer driver with an additional printing program for the Stylus Color inkjet printers from Epson, including the II, IIs, and Pro. The printer features resolutions from 180x180 dpi to 720x720 dpi, with optional MicroWeave printing (an Epson feature that uses overlapping passes to reduce banding), Optimized Black Mode (on the Stylus II model only), and Small Dot mode (for the II, IIs and Pro models). The driver also implements horizontal and vertical whitespace stripping, as well as Epson compression mode 2 ("TIFF v4.0 packbits mode") to minimize the amount of data that must be sent to the printer and improve printing speed.

EnPrint 2.x is based on a totally new portable 24 bit printing engine developed by Endicor instead of the standard Amiga 12 bit printing engine. This allows advanced user-accessible controls for gamma, intensity range, color correction, a wide selection of dithering options, color-to-grey conversion formula, and much more.

The preferences driver has been updated to use this engine, providing all of these capabilities to all applications. Also

included is a printing program that uses the printing engine directly, providing full 24 bit printing capability even to users who do not have other software that supports 24 bit printing. The printing program also features reduced memory usage, allowing large, high-resolution prints even on systems with very little memory. Note that printing time depends greatly on the application used, processing speed of the computer, and amount of data in a given output.

FEATURES

Built in calibration utility.

User adjustable Time-Out control.

Full 24 bit printing support.

Completely user-controllable gamma and range adjustments for full control over brightness and contrast.

Three modes of color correction: adjustable in terms of RGB, CMY, or Y in M/M in C. The latter produces the best results as it most closely models the inaccuracies of printing inks. These modes are also completely adjustable.

In greyscale mode, complete user control over the color-to-grey conversion process, plus three convenient preset configurations for the NTSC, HDTV, and equal-parts formulas.

In B&W (thresholding) mode, the threshold is fully adjustable over an 8-bit intensity range, rather than Preference's 4 bit range.

Sixty Five dither modes. Sixty Two are matrix dithers (many sizes and varieties of ordered, halftone, bricks, diamonds, etc., providing a lot of "special effect" options), plus Random Threshold and two Floyd-Steinberg algorithmic dithers.

Flexible configuration scheme: The system works in terms of configurations. A configuration consists of settings for resolution, dither, mode (MicroWeave, Optimized Black, Small Dot, etc.), color correction, gamma, etc. The Preferences editor allows for seven configurations corresponding to the 7 density options. Thus any density can be chosen to be any configuration of resolution, mode, dither, and corrections that the user wants. Additional configurations can be loaded and saved. The printing program also keeps a separate configuration. Configurations are edited with a friendly GUI configuration editor.

Preferences driver supports printing HAM-8 and 7/8 bit modes on AGA machines in all their glory, plus 12 bit single-CLUT style like FinalWriter(TM) and others use.

Preferences driver is smart about the true paper dimensions. It should handle all of the standard paper sizes correctly, plus if given enough maneuvering room, it will truly center the image on the paper, rather than centering within the printable area like the previous version and other standard Workbench drivers.

Context-sensitive online AmigaGuide help. All documentation can also be brought up from within the program itself.

Printing Program: Allows users to load pictures in IFF format (supports HAM-8, EHB, 24 bit, even Dynamic-HAM and Dynamic-HiRes), operate on them (rotate/flip, invert, etc.), size and position them, and print them. Any picture (even 24 bit) can be printed on any Amiga. There is no conversion to HAM or HAM-8 to cause loss of quality -- it's 24 bit all the way through when using the printing program.

The printing program also includes a module that can generate pictures in 10 different modes, as an alternative to loading IFFs. Modes include things like user-selectable solid colors, color gradients, two kinds of color bars, and a hue/saturation "wheel". These modes are useful for calibrating color correction, gamma/lo/high, and for examining the effect of different dithers over ranges of intensity/color. An additional mode is a Workbench screen capture.

There is support for output spooling and multiple print copies.

A hard disk is required with a minimum space free of about 2 meg. More is required for using the printing program on large pictures, and lots when using output buffering or multicopy support because it must store the complete printer output generated. This can be up to 20 megs a page at 720dpi full color, though the compression usually keeps it to about 12-16 megs or so. Only enough storage for one page at a time is needed, however. Using this method, a minimum amount of RAM required at the expense of the higher disk space requirements.

UPDATES

EnPrint 2.1 is a free update for registered owners of EnPrint v2.0 or Epson Stylus Color Printer Driver version 1.2, 1.1 or 1.0. You may get an upgrade in one of three ways:

By email: Email to sales@endicor.com with your name and serial number and a request for an upgrade, and we'll email EnPrint 2.0 back to you. Ask for details.

From our BBS: We now offer product support on our BBS, The Flying Circus, at phone number +1-210-650-4365. You will be asked for your product serial number when you first log on and then receive access to the support area after verification (usually within 24 hours). Once you have access to the Endicor area you can download updates.

Send us \$4.00: If you wish to have a new 2.1 disk shipped to you, send a check for US\$4 to our address above with a note requesting EnPrint 2.1 and include your serial number and address. The \$4 covers the cost of the disk plus shipping.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Workbench 2.04 or higher. (3.0 and later required for some features).

Hard Disk Drive with Min 2 meg free (20 meg free recommended).

An Epson Stylus Color series printer.

OTHER

The driver takes advantage of Stylus Color features not present on older ESC-P2 printers, such as compression mode 2 (packbits). Because of this it will not work on previous (800, 300, 1000, etc) Stylus printer models.

LIST PRICE

US\$44.95 List Price

Sales Tax:

In San Antonio, Texas: 7.75% (\$3.48)

Elsewhere in Texas: 6.25% (\$2.81)

Outside Texas: Endicor does not collect sales tax for out-of-state purchases.

Outside the US: see our Distributors list below.

EnPrint is also available through many national Amiga stores in the US, including Safe Harbor, Software Hut, etc.

SHIPPING AND PAYMENT METHODS

In the US: US Mail, UPS Blue and Red
Canada: Postal Mail, Global Priority Mail (3-5 Days)
Outside US: Postal Mail, or see Distributors below.

For a complete discussion of shipping methods and rates, please see our web page or email info@endicor.com.

Payment: VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, COD.
There is an additional US\$5 charge for COD.

We can also offer electronic delivery for prepaid orders (check, money order, credit card or bank draft) in which case there is no shipping charge. International orders may wish to use electronic delivery to save on shipping. Please email us for details.

When ordering by mail or email please include: Name, shipping address, postal or email address, phone number, payment information, and method of delivery. If you include an Internet or FidoNet email address, we can use it to notify you of updates rather than using traditional mail.

DISTRIBUTORS

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1.23 Midwest Amiga Exposition

Midwest Amiga Exposition
Columbus Ohio
October 19th and 20th.

Summary:

The Midwest Amiga Exposition is a event designed to entertain, enlighten, and inform the Amiga community at large. Formal demonstrations and speeches will highlight the 2 day event, with VIScorp being one of our

featured guests. Many well-known Amiga vendors and user groups will be present, as well as, respected Amiga software and hardware designers. Door prizes will be awarded at regular intervals during the 2 day event.

Location:

Westerville South High School. Located 10 mins. From outerbelt I-270, just Northeast of Columbus in Westerville. Take I-270 to State Route 3. Go north on State Route 3 through three traffic lights to Schrock Rd. Turn right (east) on Schrock Rd. Turn left (north) at the first traffic light onto Otterbein Ave. Follow Otterbein Ave. 1/2 mile through two stop signs. Westerville High School is located on the left, 1 block south of Walnut St. We have both a commons area and an auditorium.

Dates and Times:

October 19th and 20th (Saturday & Sunday). Saturday, Oct. 19th, doors will open at 9:30pm and close at 5:00pm. Sunday, Oct. 20th, doors will open at 10:00am and close at 4:00pm. Vendors will be allowed in on Saturday at 8:00am to set up equipment and table space.

Rates:

Vendor and Retailer Tables: \$125.00 for the first table. Additional tables \$75.00 each. For vendors who do a formal Auditorium demonstration, a reduced rate of \$60.00 for the first table is applied. These demonstrations will be on a first come first serve basis and we may run out of room. To guarantee a spot or a formal demo, schedule tables as early as possible. All tables must be pre-paid.

You must provide an extension cord if you want electricity for your table. We will provide a few, but cannot accomodate everyone. One that's about 100ft. should be all that is required.

User Group Tables:

\$35.00 each.

Table fees include:

- 1). An electrical drop.
- 2). Two individual passes to the show for manning the tables.
- 3). A listing of their name and location at the show in the official Midwest Amiga Exposition program.

Vendors and user groups will need to supply their own extension cords, computer hardware/software, audio/video hardware, and promotional materials. Extension cords must be heavy duty, and be standard three prong grounded.

Tickets:

\$6.00 in advance.

\$8.00 at time of show.

One ticket per attendee.

Please retain your ticket stub for door prizes throughout the 2 day event and re-admittance into the show in case you need to leave the premises. No persons will be admitted without a ticket. Tickets are good for both days of the event.

Tentative Speakers List:

Oct. 19th

1:00pm Keynote Address - VIScorp

2:00pm Nova Design

3:00pm Open

4:00pm Open

Oct. 20th

1:00pm Steve Easily Worthington Voice Services

2:00pm Open

3:00pm Open

4:00pm Round Table Discussion Session

Slots for formal speeches or demos will possibly be expanded depending on the length of each program.

Local lodging:

Many hotels/motels are located between 5 - 20 mins. of the event.

Lodging 15 -20 minutes from the event with easy freeway access at Interstate 71 and State Route 161, Exit 117.

Best Western

(614) 888-8230 (voice) (614) 888-8223 (fax)

Call for rate information.

Comfort Inn North

(614) 885-4084 or 1-800-228-5150

One person: \$55.00 - \$60.00 Two person: \$65.00 - \$70.00

Cross Country Inn North

(614) 848-3819

Call of rate information.

Days Inn North

(614) 885-9696 (voice) (614) 885-0232 (fax)

Call for rate information.

Hampton Inn North

1-800-HAMPTON or (614) 848-9696

Call for rate information.

The Harley Hotel of Columbus

1-800-321-2323 or (614) 888-4300 (voice) (614) 888-3477 (fax)

Call for rate information.

Holiday Inn North

(614) 885-4334 (voice) (614) 885-4955 (fax)

Call for rate information.

Marriott Residence Inn North

(614) 431-1819 (voice) (614) 431-2477 (fax)

Call for rate information.

Motel 6 North # 554

(614) 846-9860

One person: \$35.99. Second adult \$6.00. Prices higher during special events.

Ramada Limited North

1-800-2-RAMADA or (614) 846-9070 (voice) (614) 436-0875 (fax)

Call for rate information.

Truman Club Hotel

1-800-477-7888 or (614) 888-7440

Call for rate information.

Lodging 5 - 10mins from the event located in and around Westerville.

Cross Country Inn (Westerville)

Interstate 270 at Westerville, exit 29. 909 South State Street (St. Rt. 3)

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Call for rate information.

Embassy Suites Columbus

2700 Corporate Exchange drive, just off Cleveland Ave. south and I-270.

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Call for rate information.

Signature Inn Columbus

I-270 and Cleveland Ave north.

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1-800-822-5252 or (614) 890-8111

Call for rate information.

Contact Information

For general information and an updated vendor list try

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If you contact us electronically or leave us your email address, we will put you on our mailing list for further updates and ticket/table ordering

information. Those who have already contacted us are already on the list.

We look forward to a great event!

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1.24 CUCUG's Fourth WWW Mirror

The Champaign-Urbana Commodore Users Group
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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CUCUG Announces its Fourth WWW Mirror Site

August 18, 1996 - The Champaign-Urbana Commodore Users Group (CUCUG) announced today that Inter-Spider, an Internet Service Provider located in Cracow, Poland, would be hosting its popular World Wide Web site. A process known as "mirroring" makes a nearly identical copy of a Web site available to users closer to their own connection on the Internet. This usually results in more reliable connects and faster response.

CUCUG's webmaster, Kevin Hisel stated, "Users in Eastern Europe have been asking us to set up a mirror there for quite some time. We are grateful to Inter-Spider for finally making it possible."

Zbigniew Baniewski, proprietor of Inter-Spider added, "There is a need to establish an easy-to-connect site with news from Commodore world for many polish Amiga users." He went on to say that, "there was also a sentimental reason--my first computer was a Commodore VIC-20!"

According to Hisel, this is CUCUG's fourth mirror. Other mirrors are currently located in Australia, Italy and the United Kingdom. The primary CUCUG site is maintained at Champaign, Illinois in the United States.

CUCUG maintains the award-winning Amiga Web Directory and Agnes, an advanced Amiga WWW search utility. Both have become very popular with Amiga users throughout the world.

The address for the new CUCUG mirror site in Cracow is:
<http://www.ispid.com.pl/mirrors/cucug/>

CUCUG's main site can be found at:
<http://www.cucug.org/>

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1.25 Agnus WWW Search Tool

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Champaign, IL 61824-0716

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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CUCUG Announces the Ultimate Amiga WWW Search Tool

August 4, 1996 - The Champaign-Urbana Commodore Users Group (CUCUG) announced today the debut of its new Amiga Internet searching tool dubbed "Agnes" available in conjunction with its popular "Amiga Web Directory" World Wide Web site at <http://www.cucug.org/amiga.html>. Agnes allows users to search for over one thousand Amiga-oriented Web sites and more using flexible keyword matching.

According to CUCUG, one of the many major improvements over other Web searching utilities is that the description data contained CUCUG's database of Web sites is written by humans, not just sampled from the first few lines of the site's text. This reduces the number of false "hits" and increases the accuracy of searching according to Kevin Hisel, CUCUG's Amiga webmaster. Search results are also much easier to understand and displayed more quickly than other search tools.

>From one page, Amiga WWW surfers can call on Agnes to:

- * Search for more than 1,000 Amiga Web sites using data which is far more accurate than "crawler" type search tools. Sites are regularly checked and updated meaning less "404 Not Found" errors and new sites are added daily.
- * Search CUCUG's full-text database of Amiga News including press releases, product announcements, news items, show reports and other Amiga developments.
- * Search the entire, full-text archives of all Amiga Report Magazine issues released since January of 1995.
- * Search the full-text archives of Amiga Product Reviews posted in the comp.sys.amiga.reviews Usenet news group. More than 400 product reviews are housed in CUCUG's huge archive.
- * Search all issues of CUCUG's own Status Register user-group newsletter which contains news, computer hints and tips, how-tos and information about CUCUG.
- * As a last resort, there is an option to query all of the above areas in one massive search operation. Users should allow extra time for this monster search to complete.

"We've put together the world's most effective Web search mechanism for Amiga fans. If it's Amiga and it's on the Web, we're pretty confident that Agnes can find it," Hisel said, referring to the all-encompassing capabilities of the new service.

The URL for CUCUG's Agnes search tool is
<http://www.cucug.org/agnes.html>

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1.26 Banner Ad Reminder

This is just a reminder message about CUCUG's banner ad program special offer which will soon be expiring. You can get 90 days worth of banner placement on the Amiga Web Directory for as little as a \$100 MERCHANDISE donation!

The Champaign Urbana Commodore Users Group (CUCUG) is pleased to announce that thanks to the many inquiries by Amiga-oriented companies, we will now offer graphic advertisement banners on our popular Amiga Web Directory (<http://www.cucug.org/amiga.html>) in return for product donations. We feel that your company would benefit greatly from featuring a banner link on our popular Web site.

Running a display banner is simple, inexpensive and benefits you, CUCUG members and the users of the Amiga Web Directory. Now, you can reach thousands of qualified, Amiga-oriented prospects with a highly visible link to your main web page, a special limited-time offer or any other compelling content you can dream up. And if you respond by August 31st, you can get 50% more exposure, FREE!

1. Banners can measure a maximum 468 x 60 pixels but not exceed 10K in size. You may supply your own graphic or we can create it for you. The banner will be hooked up to instantly take the user to a web page of your choosing.
2. A maximum of two banners will be accepted for each page. Banners will appear before page content.
3. Banners will appear on all five worldwide Amiga Web Directory sites including the USA, Australia, Italy, Poland and the United Kingdom.
4. Normal running time on a banner is 60 days. Respond by August 31st, 1996 and we will EXTEND the running time of your banner to 90 DAYS!

CUCUG accepts donations of Amiga-oriented hardware or software for banner placement on the Amiga Web Directory. Merchandise will be valued at current "street" price. These items will be used as CUCUG member benefits and fund raisers. This program benefits vendors and CUCUG.

There are 17 sections of the Amiga Web Directory on which you may choose to place your banner. The donation values for each page shown below are based on the number of visits each of the pages receive. Each day 4,000-6,000 Amiga enthusiasts visit the Amiga Web Directory and "hit" our servers' files about 60,000 times(1). Your company can enjoy premium placement on our site for just a few copies of a few titles. This is likely the most affordable method available to reach Amiga enthusiasts from all over the

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* Normally 60-day placement. Respond by August 31, 1996 to receive 90-day placement.

Exposure on the Amiga Web Directory is a very economical way to reach dedicated Amiga users since the cost of the ad is based on the value of a merchandise donation, not cash. It also offers all the advantages of an electronic medium like instant response and quick and easy updates of your offer.

Book your space now! First come, first served. A limited amount of space is available. Contact Kevin Hisel (khisel@cucug.org) today and arrange placement and details of the graphic, message and URL for your banner today!

(1) Documentation available upon request.

CUCUG reserves the right to modify or withdraw this program at any time, or to refuse banner placement for any reason. Space cannot be reserved in advance of receipt of goods.

1.27 Amiga Web Network

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 8, 1996

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new web service, the Amiga Web Network. This service is available to any person or business that has an Amiga related web site. The AWN is a cooperative advertising program, allowing you to advertise your web site or products for free. That's right, absolutely free!

If you are familiar with the Internet Link Exchange, then you already should have an idea of how AWN works. You will be given an account where we will keep track of the number of times your banner is displayed, the number of people that click on the banner and visit your site, and the number of credits you have. For each credit, you will receive a certain amount of banner displays on the AWN. For example, if you have 3 credits, we will display your banner and link to your site 2 times. Likewise, if you had 30 credits, your banner will be displayed 20 times. Currently, people have been earning hundreds of credits per day for free. We even have one site that earns over 1,000 credits per day.

Since the AWN is free, you are probably wondering how you earn credit. There are a few different ways. The first way to do so is to display ad banners for other people's web sites. For each display, you will earn 1 credit. This is the method most people will use. Second, we do issue a free number of credits to get you started. Third, the AWN will issue bonus credits for each referral (successful hit) from a unique IP.

For further information, please visit our web page at:
<http://www.melizo.com/area52/search2/amicrawler/banners/>

David Tiberio
Amiga Web Network

1.28 CrossDOS 6 Pro Rel. 6.06

19, August 1996

Dear CONSULTRON customer,

It's been awhile since we've had news worth reporting.

CrossDOS 6 Professional is now at release 6.06!

Sorry, CrossDOS still does not support Windows 95 long file names. We are working on it. No announced date for its' release. Please don't email us inquiring about its availability. We'll most likely won't reply. We're working as fast as we can.

The changes in CrossDOS 6.06 are relatively minor. Mostly maintenance. Here's a short list:

- Added support for MS-DOS formatted drives larger than 4G.
- Fixed problem with ConfigDisk program accessing omniscsi.device HD controllers.
- Added support to Dr_CrossDOS and Install programs to display CIN and current CrossDOS release in the product disk.
- Minor maintenance fixes.

You can find the patch files on our BBS or at the AmiNet sites in the biz/patch directory. The file is called "CrossDOS606.lha". The patches

will patch all official CrossDOS 6 product disks (6.00 to 6.05).

We still have technical support available for registered customers. Should you have any questions or problems, you can contact us at:

CONSULTRON
8959 Ridge Rd
Plymouth, MI 48170-3213

(313) 459-7271 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST

*** Note *** Please have your CIN (Customer Identification Number) ready before calling. (Third line of the READ.ME file)

Electronic Bulletin Board

An electronic bulletin board has been provided for your enhanced support. The BBS is available during non-business hours and all day on weekends.

(313) 459-7271 6:00 PM - 10:00 AM EST Weekdays
all day on weekends

Consultron Tech Support consultron@consultron.plymouth.mi.us
We bring platforms together 8959 Ridge Rd
Plymouth MI 48170 USA

1.29 EMC Phase CDs

*** NEWSFLASH FROM E.M.COMPUTERGRAPHIC ***

Following a staggering level of interest from American, Canadian and South American customers, we are now pleased to announce that the multi award winning range of "Phase" CDs from E.M.Computergraphic are now available directly from our newly appointed US distributors... Computer Safari.

Computer Safari will be handling ALL American based sales and distribution of the EMC CDs, and also controlling the new EMC/Safari web site at...

<http://www.woodland.net/emc>

Computer Safari have set the US retail price for the EMC CDs as follows...

EMC Phase 1...	\$39.99 + shipping	(for DTP/DTV)
EMC Phase 2...	\$39.99 + shipping	(for DTP/DTV)
EMC Phase 3...	\$39.99 + shipping	(for DTP/DTV)
EMC Phase 4...	\$59.99 + shipping	(for ScalaMM/DTV)
EMC Index...	\$24.99 + shipping	(time saving/utility)

Computer Safari are also selling "Price Blitz" packs of EMC CDs so contact them for more information

Computer Safari accept all major credit cards and can arrange cash on delivery (US only) if required.

You can contact Computer Safari at...

Suite K, Tel: 916 661 3328
 353 West Main Street, Fax: 916 666 4434
 Woodland. Email: safari@woodland.net
 CA 95695

For full EMC CD information you can FTP to your local Aminet site and download

docs/hyper/EMCsCD_Guide.lha

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1.30 Wanted Amiga People

Wanted Amiga People

It's our firm belief the Amiga platform marches on, proceeding toward a "rebirth". To be successful, support must now remain continuous. Zorro based hardware, and software applications in various configurations must be accessible, and upgradable. With this simple philosophy in mind, we're creating this invigorated, new, support company. OnLine, an Ohio start-up company is looking worldwide, for enterprising people.

Join us! Develop software and hardware applications for operation upon the Amiga platform. We're awaiting contractors who can operate on a full/part time basis out of their homes. Future full time positions might exist in the future. Remember "you have to crawl before you can walk".

We will contact all who follow the following procedure. Please contact us at this time ONLY by regular mail. No, phone calls, or e-mail! Facilities to handle these, are not yet established.

Write to: OnLine (Attn. Contractor)
 P.O. Box 8142
 Sylvania, Ohio 43560 USA

Include: Your Name, address, phone number, time zone, e-mail/fido addresses.

Background: Type of work (hardware/software), list some examples of your

past work. List employers. List your speciality, or what type of project you would like to work on. List how much time you feel that you could devote to support such a project.

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Permission is granted to post this message, as long as the material is posted unchanged, and in full.

1.31 SCSI Controller Chip Upgrade

MessageID: <199608170145.UAA12905@test.icon-stl.net>
Originally from : Bob Krusinski <bobk@paradigmtech.com>
Originally to ..: WMADDOCK <WMADDOCK@icon-stl.net>
Subject: A3000 SCSI Controller Chip August 16, 1996~

Gateway Amiga Club

RE: WD33C93A-PL 00-08 SCSI controller chip upgrade

As you may know, there are several problems that can occur when adding additional SCSI devices to the SCSI bus on the A3000. Most common are random SCSI bus lockups, especially with CD-ROMS and tape drives, and random checksum errors when copying large files between devices. These problems can, in most cases, be attributed to the WD33C93A SCSI controller chip in the A3000. Most, if not all, A3000's shipped with the WD33C93A-PL 00-04 chip revision. This chip had known bugs when multiple devices were present on the SCSI bus. With a single device, problems rarely occurred. As soon as the user started to add devices to the bus, the problems mentioned above would start to appear. The WD33C93A-PL 00-08 chip revision addresses and fixes the above problems. I would like your user group to know that I am a source for this upgrade chip.

Current asking price is \$22.50 (US) per chip but I am reducing that price to \$20.00 (US) per chip for user groups. An additional 5% discount is available if 11 or more chips are purchased which would bring the price to \$18.00 (US) per chip. This price DOES include shipping to anyplace on the planet. Cash, check (drawn on a U.S. bank), or money order (converted to U.S. funds) are all acceptable forms of payment.

Although I have referred to the A3000, this chip also works in the A2091 SCSI controller card, GVP SCSI controller card and any other SCSI controller card that uses the WD33C93A SCSI controller chip. Also, I have recently been informed by Western Digital that they are no longer in the chip production business. Fortunately, AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) manufactures a clone chip which performs as well or slightly better than the Western Digital chip. While I am currently unable to obtain any more of the WD chips, I do have the AMD clone chip.

On a personal note, before I upgraded my chip, I was unable to complete a tape backup on my A3000 without a SCSI bus lockup. Since I upgraded, I've had zero lockups and have added a CD-ROM and another hard drive.

If you or any other members of your user group are interested in upgrading this chip, or if you have any additional questions, I can be contacted at the following places:

E-Mail: bobk@paradigmtech.com

Mail: B. Krusinski
7556 S. Madison Circle
Littleton, Colorado 80122

Fax: 303-292-1812

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely, your fellow Amigan

1.32 PIOS Computer AG

PIOS Computer AG

PIOS Computer AG, Hildesheim, Germany, 24th August 1996.

New Product announcements from PIOS Computer AG has been eagerly awaited by both the visitors to our Web-Page (over 46000 since May '96) and the marketplace throughout Europe and the USA.

Unfortunately this delay has been caused by the inability to secure a working agreement with Viscorp over the rights to the AMIGA patents and licenses.

Despite repeated efforts by PIOS managent Viscorp have discontinued discussion, without giving any reasons or otherwise. This is despite initial talks and drawing up an agreements early June of this year.

In order for PIOS to meets its business goals of providing RISC products for both the AMIGA community and other computer users, we feel that the time has now come to provide an new impetus into the marketplace. We can no longer accept the Viscorp vision for AMIGA as being based on reality and will immediately announce a range of products designed to give the AMIGA and other computer user the power and performance they need for the next decade. (watch this space for Product announcements.....)

PIOS is committed to providing high performance, affordable products through the year 2000 and beyond.

1.33 Amiga Legacy Magazine

Amiga Legacy Magazine

Legacy is the new FREE Amiga magazine for North America!

The impending launch of Amiga Legacy heralds in a new age in Amiga publishing, with a new way to deliver news and information to today's

savvy Amiga professionals and enthusiasts. Legacy is a fresh concept for the Amiga community -- up to date coverage of the fascinating journey of the Amiga computer, without any cost to the reader.

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1.34 Different Input

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Using Different Input Controllers on the Amiga

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Are you sick of using your stock Amiga "wedgy" mouse? Or is your current mouse dying a slow and painful death with broken rollers and buttons? Perhaps it's time to look for a new mouse for your system. But wait, who makes Amiga mice anymore?

You could go and seek out some high priced Amiga specific mouse, which may be imported from who knows where, which isn't ergonomic or particularly high resolution. You might also consider hacking up an old PC bus mouse from 1987. But why not use a serial mouse made for the IBM PC? Yes, it's very possible to hook one up. There are a few tradeoffs, as it'll connect to the serial port, and not the internal mouse port, and it won't be particularly compatible with games, but if you're using mostly Workbench run applications, a PC mouse might be your best option!

PC mice come in a variety of different sizes and shapes. At the low end, you can find the horribly light yet ridiculously cheap OEM mice. Made by companies like Dexxa (which happens to be a subsidiary of Logitech), these mice cost less than \$10, but are reasonably durable. At the high end, you can get the Microsoft Mouse 2.0, an ergonomically contoured J shape. Or perhaps a Logitech Mouseman with it's three buttons. The higher priced models are usually better designed in form and function. There are also trackballs and other oddities, like the absolutely adorable Logitech Kidz Mouse, which looks like a mouse. You'll probably want something you're comfortable with, that fits your hand size. I know people with small hands which can't stand large mice, and large handed people who say the already large Microsoft Mouse is too small! Many stores offer all the mice out on shelves to be examined, so take advantage of this and experiment.

When you're buying the mouse, you'll want to know how it interfaces. Almost all modern PC mice connect to a computer via a serial port. This is usually in the form of a DB9 pin connector. To use your Amiga's serial port, which is a DB25, you'll need an adapter, but most mice packages will actually come with one. Some mice use a special MiniDIN plug, or PS/2 style mouse port. These are still serial, but just have a different connector. You could cut the end off and resolder a DB25, but it's easier to get a PS/2 mouse adapter for DB25. Or perhaps a PS/2 to DB9, then the DB9 to DB25. :)

Another major concern is the protocol of the interface. Again, the PC industry is relatively standard and a PC mouse will most likely be Logitech Mouseman or Microsoft protocol. (oddly, some Logitech mice use Microsoft protocols) The Logitech protocols need an external serial board on the Amiga. Why? The Logitech uses 7N1 encoding, which the Amiga serial port does not support in hardware, while the system software drives do allow for. As a result, the Logitech mice need a board like the excellent GVP ioExtender or the MultiFace. This will probably limit most people to using Microsoft protocol mice. Don't worry, most of them are anyways.

A quick note about where to buy: I personally like buying hardware from large retailers like ComputerCity, Future Shop, and Costco. These places, while having probably the worst sales people, also have the lowest prices. As you're an Amiga user, you probably don't care anyways, as they most likely won't know about Amiga systems. These stores also have good return policies, and aren't as stingy in this regard. This may come in handy if the mouse doesn't work properly, such as a protocol or interface problem.

Once you've purchased the mouse, plug it in! Using your adapters, plug into the DB25 Serial port on your Amiga. You'll then need to set up a serial mouse driver. Two excellent drivers exist on Aminet, LogiMouse 1.053 by Simon Richardson, and SerMouse 2.21 by K.P. vanBeem. LogiMouse is for Logitech mice, and SerMouse is for Microsoft mice. SerMouse also supports 5BYTE encoding for MouseSystems mice, which are an older and less popular variant.

SerMouse's configuration is done all through the Workbench Information menu for it's icon. For a Microsoft compatible mouse, set it for 3BYTES encoding, and let it use it's default serial port configuration. serial.device, unit 0, is the Amiga's internal serial port. If you have an IO board, use your corresponding device driver name and the unit number the mouse resides on. Doubleclick the icon, and you should be able to move the pointer around with your new mouse! If not, don't touch the PC mouse and use your Amiga mouse to doubleclick the icon again, disabling the driver. Then modify the tooltypes to get the settings right. You'll want to add the Tooltype DONOTWAIT into SerMouse's icon so it'll run without messages. Once you're satisfied, drag the SerMouse icon into the WBStartup drawer and it'll load the device driver everytime you boot.

LogiMouse is a bit more complicated, but gives you quite a few more options. It also has versions optimized for different processors. First, place the appropriate LogiMouse program into your C: or similar "bin" like directory. LogiMouse is called from the user-startup sequence in your S: directory. Use a text editor to put in a line saying:

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c:logimouse -d whatever.device -u 0
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whatever.device should be your serial board, as LogiMouse can't work with the incompatible Amiga internal port. The -u option LogiMouse what unit to use.

This barebones configuration should activate the serial mouse. You can test it by rebooting, or just trying out the command on the Shell. If you got a Logitech two button, you're done. But, if you bought a three button Logitech, like the Mouseman, you'll want to use the middle button for another function. LogiMouse shines in allowing you to redefine the center button as the SHIFT key for instance. While holding down the middle button, you can now select multiple icons with left button without reaching for your keyboard. When I use my Logitech Mouseman, I use:

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c:logimouse -d gvpser.device -u 0 -mLSHIFT
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Of course, you'll want your serial board driver in place of my gvpser.device, and corresponding unit number. LogiMouse also allows for many other functions for buttons, and even button swapping! With the left handed version of the Mouseman, you could even make a completely symmetrical reverse of a normal mouse.

Both drivers work very well, and are in general compatible with programs run from Workbench. There are many more functions in both, but they pertain to more arcane configuration details or customization. The documentation for each explains them. You'll notice a bit of jerkiness in paint software, like a jagged response, but that's due to the limitations of serial mice, not the driver. Programs that have custom startup, like games, will obviously not work. That's acceptable if you're like me: you use your Amiga for mostly productivity applications. Also, if your machine crashes and you get a Software Error or Alert, the serial mouse won't let you click it away. That's not so much a problem with Kickstart 3.1, which cancels the Alert after a few seconds. One way is to keep the old Amiga mouse plugged in, to tap the button for reboots, and perhaps to play a game or two.

Both authors have made their drivers freeware, but Simon Richardson asks for an email if you liked his LogiMouse. Their drivers certainly make my life easier! Thanks guys!

(I use a Microsoft Mouse 2.0 on the Amiga 4000/040 at work, and a Logitech KidzMouse on my A3000/25 at home, along with a CBM "pregnant" two button left to the side of the desk)

1.35 AB3D II Survey

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AB3D II "The Killing Grounds" Survey
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AB3D II is a cool game - but some things are missing. It has no CyberGraphX Support, no ECS Support, no Modem (only nullmodem) Support, no TCP/IP Support.

If you want to change this, fill in this Survey. I will send the results

to Team 17 (after i come back from holidays). This might not change much, but at least they know then...

I will add together most answers (those without emails and addresses given) to some fine numbers, so that it is more easier for Team 17 to read.

Email your Survey entries to Survey@Birdland.es.bawue.de

Please spread this Survey as wide as possible !!!

Question 1 :

Did you buy Alien Breed 3D II or plan to buy it in the near future ?

- Yes
- No, because i do not have an AGA system.
- No, because i do not buy games that do not run on GFX Boards.
- No, because _____

Question 2 :

a) If you already bought AB3DII :

If a CyberGraphX Version would be released, it

- had to be for free (on Aminet).
- I would pay an upgrade fee of _____ to _____
- I would pay full price for a CyberGraphX version, even if i already have bought the AGA version.

- A CyberGraphX Version of AB3D II would be very fine for me.
- A (much later released) update that features the Texturemapping features of the S3 Virge chip of the Cybervision 3D Board would be fine for me, as i will buy this board.
- The processor of my Amiga is a _____ and my GFX Board (if existing) is a _____.

b) If you gave a "No" in Question 1 :

- I need an ECS Version, as i have a ECS system with a _____ processor, that is powerful enough for AB3D II.
- I need a CyberGraphX version.
- A (much later released) update that features the Texturemapping features of the S3 Virge chip of the Cybervision 3D Board would be fine for me, as i will buy this board.
- The processor of my Amiga is a _____ and my GFX Board (if existing) is a _____.

Question 3 : If the CyberGraphX Version would be for free :

- It has to be tested at Team 17 before being put on Aminet.
- It can be provided "as if", if it runs or not is up to the user.

Question 4 : How could you help Team 17 ?

- [] I could lend them my Computer with installed GFX Board for testing of a CyberGraphX version. My email, snail mail and phone number are found at the end of this entry.
- [] I could lend my GFX Board to Team 17. Address see below.
- [] I could lend my Computer without installed GFX Board to Team 17, if they get a GFX Board from somewhere else.
- [] As soon as the Cybervision 3D comes out, i can sell them my GFX Board quite cheap, as i am then getting a Cybervision 3D then, instead of the board i up to now use.
- [] I could do Beta testing of the GFX Board version. I have bought AB3D II. So they only had to mail me the main executable.
- [] I am a programmer who is quite familiar with CyberGraphX programming. I could help them with the coding part.
My email is _____
- [] I am a programmer quite familiar with c2p algorithms. I could do a c2p for ECS machines for Team 17.
My email is _____
- [] I am a programmer quite familiar with TCP/IP coding. I could help them there.
My email is _____

1.36 More Amigas At Disney

More Amigas At Disney

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In AR410, you report about Amigas used at Disney's. Below you'll find a report of mine about the same issue, though I saw it only indirectly via TV, but with some heartwarming comments from Disney people. When you see that my posting is already FIVE years old (this is 5 centuries in computer business :-), this does say a lot about the robustness of those old A2000's. In the text you find some more enlightening details for this very issue. And in the text, they say it was even already 4 or 5 years old in the days of the interview!

Please note also that this use of Amigas is listed since years in the "Amiga uses" Web page (perhaps this is some outdated URL, but there should be a link from the "Amiga" Web pages):
<http://www5.ios.com/~area52/uses.html>

Thanks again and keep up the good work,
Peter

Quote: Old posting

>From: peterk@cbmger.UUCP (Peter Kittel GERMANY)
>Newsgroups: comp.sys.amiga.advocacy
>Subject: Amiga at Disney (Was: Re: Memory Protection)
>Date: 16 Jul 91 07:01:59 GMT
>Reply-To: peterk@cbmger.UUCP (Peter Kittel GERMANY)
>Organization: Commodore Bueromaschinen GmbH, West Germany
In article <1991Jul15.123140.11645@Sugar.NeoSoft.com>
peter@Sugar.NeoSoft.com (Peter da Silva) writes:
>In article <5397@orbit.cts.com> chucks@pnet51.orb.mn.org (Erik
Funkenbusch) writes:
>
>> the most common bug by far is a null pointer reference.
>> while this can be fatal in some situations, it may not be in others, and the
>> program running might be crucial.
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>You don't work in the process control industry, am I right?

You should ask the people at Disney Studios: "We have shows here that run 40 times a day since 2 years and are controlled by Amiga computers. NOT ONE SINGLE show was abandoned due to a computer error. 20,000 shows without a crash justify Disney's choice and this computer concept."

(This is re-translated from a translation into German.)

This was in a computer show in German TV (BR-III, Computer-Treff, 13.7.91, 17.05). They reported about all the computer controlling at Disney in Florida, at Disney/MGM-Studios, at Epcot and in Disney World (or is it Disneyland?). Here some more scenes from that show:

Indiana Jones show

Moderator: "Which costly computer system is used here to control all those sound effects?"

Disney speaker: "Normal Amigas. We chose them for their multitasking capability. That was 4 or 5 years ago. At that time it was the only computer with which you could do this. In the meantime there were many computers announced that are able to do the same, but they are still much more expensive. We could today place a \$10,000 computer here that can do the same, but it makes no sense, for the Amigas are working wonderfully. ... We only have problems with the environment, humidity and dust. (Action scene shown with fire and smoke, Amiga directly besides this, then they show heavy rain in Florida.) Real mud gets onto the computer boards. But the computers do stand this, you just have to open them every few months, clean them and perhaps change boards, then they work reliably."

Moderator: "This is the most important in the film studios where George Lucas was among to define the concept: The same procedure has to run without problems, dozens of times a day, year for year."

Disney studios, 3D MuppetVision

Moderator: "Also this show would be unthinkable without computer: 3D characters (Mickey Mouse) on the movie screen interact with live actors (Kermit) on the stage. Light, sound and Special Effects are controlled and synchronized by an Amiga. (Follows the above mentioned 20,000 show statement.)"

Disney World, fireworks in the evening

Moderator: "You may have a nice fireworks, as it lights the sky

every evening. And guess who stands behind that colorful magic?"

Disney Speaker: "During this fireworks we control all 3 parts of the show with the Amiga:

1. Sound. The computer takes the input signal, music from a digital audio tape. Special software processes it in the computer to prepare it for different hardware configurations outside, levels are adjusted, and the result is fed to 4 or 5 separated loudspeaker towers that are distributed in the park. ... Only with the computer we can divide the main signal from tape into the correct sub-signals and synchronously send it to the right places.
2. We also control the pyrotechnics that is established on the roofs. We have 6 locations from where we start fireworks. ... During this we absolutely need perfect timing, as the fireworks is very tightly choreographed with the music of the show, and we want to provide the same result every evening. A precise result can only be achieved with the Amiga control computer.
3. The 3rd system controlled by the computer is the light. It consists of six 5 kW spots that are controlled individually in their precise intensity."

So far excerpts from this TV show. Please apologize my English, I only hope I didn't lose an important fact or misunderstood one.

It was amazing. They very often not only talked about "computer". No, they explicitly said "Amiga computer" again and again.

We must address that TV station to get a good tape from it :-).

It's heartwarming.

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>Best regards, Dr. Peter Kittel // E-Mail to \ Only my personal opinions...
>Commodore Frankfurt, Germany \X/ {uunet|pyramid|rutgers}!cbmvax!cbmger!peterk

(end of quote)

Uh, do you see that old email address of mine in '91? SIGH!

1.37 Amiga Survey

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Amiga Survey

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Please send this file to as many person as you can. Please post it on Internet discussions, WWW pages, Email it to your Amiga friends. Please help me!!!!

I am interested in creating new Amiga family, used mainly in industry and special applications. This family will have several boards, equipped with Motorola MC63xxx microcontroller, memory, modified Amiga OS and connections for different devices.

Amiga OS is very good in industrial applications, and I hope that such usage will help all Amigas to build up their better image. This will be first Amiga hardware/cloning experiment, in future we want to produce Amiga boards for "normal" users.

Please fill this questionnaire and send on Email address:

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or
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Place X in answers, always use only one answer. DO NOT write any comments, you will have space at the end of this questionnaire

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I General questions.

- 1) Should Amiga OS be ported to other platforms
 Yes.
 No.
- 2) What kind of porting should be used:
 Full porting, requiring changes in existing software to run properly.
 Emulation, running nearly all existing software, but being ineffective.
- 3) Should Amiga processor be changed:
 Yes, in all future models.
 Yes, in some models.
 No. Only MC68xxx family should be used.
- 4) Should Amiga be produced as separate hardware platform in future:
 Yes.
 Yes, some models.
 No. OS and software should be completely ported.
- 5) Should Amiga use open architecture with slots:
 Yes.
 Yes, some models.
 No.
- 6) What standard slots should Amiga use:
 PCI
 ZorroIII
 Modified ZorroIII
 EISA
 Other
- 7) Should Amiga hardware be produced by different vendors:
 Yes.
 No.
- 8) Should Amiga OS still be placed on ROM:
 Yes.
 No.

II Custom Amiga applications questions.

- 9) Should Amiga OS be used in industrial field:
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- Yes.
 No.

10) Do you see any advantages coming from Amiga OS usage in industry applications for normal Amiga community (users and developers):

- Yes.
 No.

III Cloning Amiga.

11) Should there be Amiga clone with only CPU, minimal OS and slots on board, able to fit into standard PC case:

- Yes.
 No.

12) Should there be "Amiga" with only slots and minimal OS on board. (CPU boards as add on):

- Yes.
 No.

13) Would you be interested in buying and using of above Amigas

- Yes.
 No.

IV Comment and text question - very valuable!!!

14) What Amiga would you buy:

>>.....

15) What interesting application could would you propose for custom Amiga with only CPU, Amiga OS and peripherals for control, sensing and others:

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16) What are advantages of Amiga OS:

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17) What are advantages of Amiga software:

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18) Who may be interested in using custom (industrial) Amigas:

>>.....

19) Who may be interested in developing custom Amigas:

>>.....

20) Do you know anything about Motorola MC63xxx microcontrollers used in industrial Amigas:

>>.....

21) Do you have any other comments:

>>.....

Thank you,
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1.38 Montreal and Atlanta Reports

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Amiga Convention '96 Montreal and the Atlanta Amiga Portable Unveiling

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It feels like I've been all over the place in the past month, which hasn't helped me sit down and work on Amiga Report. But here I am, with a few hours to spare until my set deadline for the issue, and I'd like to at least try to do SOME justice to the events I attended.

Amiga Convention '96 in Montreal was held in early August at the downtown Howard Johnson Hotel. The weekend got off to a good start in our "all we have left but it's pretty cheap, all things considered" hotel suite. Friday night was filled with the usual meeting up with people, catching up on personal business, and going out to dinner multiple times. Among others, I was finally able to meet Commodore legend Jim Butterfield. Particularly if the Amiga is not your first Commodore computer, you should either be familiar with Jim's name, or be ashamed of yourself.

Saturday morning, the show kicked off. Unlike last year's AC and most conventional trade shows, AC was not held in a huge room but instead in a series of large meeting rooms. There was a lot of hanging out in stairways and hallways as a result--not a bad thing, since much of the point of a trade show is to socialize. Exhibitor turnout was substantial, but there was a notable lack of strong presence by hardware developers. Left to represent that aspect of Amiga business on their own was Silent Paw, makers of the PAWS 1200 portable. Software manufacturers were reasonably well represented by the wit and charm of Dale Larson and his IAM crew, Syzygy and their Digital Universe--churning demo unit, Bob Fischer and his ImageFX and Aladdin 4D promotion, and Moebius Technology, whose spreadsheet program is in developmental stages. Rounding off the software developers was clickBOOM, creators and publishers of the upcoming Capital Punishment for the Amiga. Retailers on the scene included National Amiga, Valleysoft, Wonder Computers, and The Computer and You.

Not too much in the way of new product was available. IAM launched their new MRBackup software, and clickBOOM was showing yet another Capital Punishment demo, this one 060 compatible.

National Amiga had a lot of last-chance items, including a stack of CDTV's and A600s. If you shopped in another room, you would have seen dozens of A3000s on sale for ridiculously low prices. About 40 were sold at the event.

The show featured a keynote by VIScorp VP of Business Development David Rosen, as well as demonstrations and programs throughout the two-day session. Final attendance was estimated at something under 400 people. Not stellar, which was surprising given the amount there really was to see and do, but not bad, either.

Of course, the real fun is the night life. Saturday night consisted of

Vietnamese food and Laser Quest, a game where you don a big plastic vest and gun and run around a blacklit maze shooting at each other. Since I was dressed in a white t-shirt, I was a great target and got shot an awful lot.

Sunday, there was a panel discussion with myself, David Rosen, and Dale Larson of IAM. Lots of questions came from the audience, worried about future Amiga direction and cooperation with other companies.

Sunday night was the really neat one. The local Virtual World franchise helped sponsor the event and put on a demonstration. There were also free passes for all the event staff and VIPs, so we played a few rounds of Battletech. Within our group of 6 players (Myself, Katherine Nelson, Dale Larson, Robert Hardy, Adam The IAM Intern, and Al Mackey), I managed to win all three matches. :)

In Atlanta, the tone was considerably different. VIScorp had committed, months ago, to sending a rep to Atlanta in August. When it finally came time to really send someone, I was asked to attend. Luckily, QuikPak came to my rescue and gave me something real to talk about. They are developing a new motherboard to be placed in an industry-standard OEM portable computer case, which will put a portable A4000-class machine on the market.

The new computer will have a color LCD capable of Amiga video modes. In addition, the new motherboard will have 040 and 060 design and up to 128 megs of memory directly. There will be Zorro and video slots, allowing for a fully portable video editing station based on Amiga technology. Estimated retail cost is around \$3000, and count on it being six months away. The unit will be AC power only, and is not the same design Silent Paw has been working on.

The Atlanta group turnout was decent, and I fielded questions for what roughly seemed like forever. Thankfully, it's all on video so I can keep straight in my head what exactly happened. :)

Coming up for the rest of the year, it looks like there may well be two Toronto Amiga shows. Amazing Computers is planning a November show with Comspec and Randomize, and Wonder Computers is planning a second showing of their World of Amiga show in December. Of course, the other big upcoming shows will be the Cologne Computer '96 and the Video Toaster Expo. I hope to see you there!

1.39 Review: MIAMI vs. AMITCP

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 Review: MIAMI vs. AMITCP

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Here is a comparison of the performance of MIAMI as compared to AMITCP. In July, 1996, Holger Kruse released the beta and then demo versions of his new TCP/IP stack for the Amiga, named MIAMI.

The primary advantages to MIAMI over the older AMITCP are:

1. MIAMI is *much* easier to install, often taking
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fewer than 10 minutes from start to on-line.

2. MIAMI is less expensive to register, costing \$35 (US) while the commercial version of AMITCP/IP is around \$95 (US) from retail sources.

The tests I have run show disagreements with the prevailing wisdom as seen in Usenet newsgroups and on Internet Relay Chat channels.

The buzz seemed to be that MIAMI was simply faster with its Internet connections than was AmiTCP, and that MIAMI used less memory than AmiTCP.

Neither is true.

Anyone can do these tests, all it takes is a bit of effort and some time. I would like to see someone come up with different results, using a test procedure which I (or anyone) could duplicate.

Still, differences are slight, and the two advantages for MIAMI listed above are very important. Having a choice in TCP/IP implementations is also important.

Here are the results of my comparative tests of MIAMI and AmiTCP, starting with an examination of memory used.

Procedure followed: Reboot the Amiga 3000, take note of free memory, start the TCP/IP stack, start IBrowse, close unnecessary windows. Note free memory, subtract from original free memory to determine actual usage.

Software versions used were MIAMI 1.0 demo and AmiTCP/IP 4.0 demo, and IBrowse R8a demo.

IBrowse is loaded because it uses MUI, and forces similar memory allocations in both MIAMI (which uses MUI at startup) and AMITCP (which does not use MUI).

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case 1  MIAMI + IBROWSE
        memory used  chip 226976  other 1696896  total 1,923,872

case 2  AMITCP + IBROWSE
        memory used  chip 216128  other 1544048  total 1,760,176

case 3  MIAMI + IBROWSE
        memory used  chip 226976  other 1697088  total 1,924,064

case 4  AMITCP + IBROWSE
        memory used  chip 216128  other 1544048  total 1,760,176

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Conclusion, once MUI is forced, AMITCP uses about 163-thousand bytes less than does MIAMI.

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The results of three speed comparisons between MIAMI (the new Amiga TCP/IP system for modem use) and AMITCP/IP

22 July 1996

Speed of FTP file transfer ... AmiTCP loaded, amiftp started, connected to ftp.amigalib.com, received file INDEX.Z 941966 bytes. the reboot loaded MIAMI, and receive the same file from the same ftp site. Then repeat.

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attempt 1  AmiTCP  1365 bytes/second
attempt 2  MIAMI   2616 bytes/second
attempt 3  AmiTCP  2898 bytes/second
attempt 4  MIAMI   2366 bytes/second
attempt 5  AmiTCP  2943 bytes/second
attempt 6  MIAMI (transfer stopped at 95232 bytes)
attempt 7  MIAMI   2660 bytes/second
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Interesting. The very slowest and the very fastest ftp transfers were while using AmiTCP.

I suspect that conditions on the Internet have a lot more to do with data transfer speed than does which TCP stack you are running.

Note that attempt 6, using MIAMI, errored and failed.

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02 August 1996

Some results from limited comparisons between MIAMI (demo version 1.0) and AmiTCP (4.0 demo)

Speed of FTP file transfer ... reboot the A3000, Load MIAMI, start amiftp, connect to ftp.amigalib.com, receive file INDEX.Z 953269 bytes. Reboot the A3000, load AMITCP, and receive the same file from the same ftp site. Then repeat.

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attempt 1  MIAMI   2633 bytes/second
attempt 2  AmiTCP  2868 bytes/second
attempt 3  MIAMI   2862 bytes/second
attempt 4  AmiTCP (transfer aborted at 670720 bytes)
attempt 5  AmiTCP  2812 bytes/second
attempt 6  MIAMI   2862 bytes/second
attempt 7  AmiTCP  2597 bytes/second
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Interesting. For the second time, the very slowest and the very fastest ftp transfers were while using AmiTCP. But MIAMI is very close ... I conclude there is no significant difference in the speed of data transfer using MIAMI or AmiTCP.

I still suspect that conditions on the Internet have a lot more to do with data transfer speed than does which TCP stack you are running.

This time attempt 4, using AMITCP/IP, errored and eventually failed.

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05 August 1996

Again using MIAMI 1.0 demo and AMITCP 4.0 demo, here are the results of a third speed test.

Slightly changed conditions for the third speed test involve putting INDEX.Z (954859 bytes) on the local Internet Service Provider. That LINUX

system is about one mile from my home.

The same procedure, reboot, load a TCP/IP stack, receive the file, then do it all again, gave the following results:

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attempt 1 MIAMI 3281 bytes/second
attempt 2 AMITCP 3304 bytes/second
attempt 3 MIAMI 3236 bytes/second
attempt 4 AMITCP 3304 bytes/second
attempt 5 MIAMI 3304 bytes/second
attempt 6 AMITCP 3304 bytes/second
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Certainly, neither MIAMI nor AMITCP/IP has a significant speed advantage. Speed variations here might be attributed to load differences on the remote computer.

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1.40 Review: Alien Breed 3D II - The Killing Grounds

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At last - Yes, it's here. The wordily-named "Alien Breed 3D II - The Killing Grounds" (hereafter TKG), the most eagerly awaited game for the Amiga since the last Alien Breed 3D, slipped into the shops on the 24th July, after what seems like years of waiting.

The first thing to point out is that TKG loves power. Nay, it demands it. Playing this game on a stock A1200 is like having sex with 3 condoms on - better than nothing, but it's slower, more difficult and generally not as good as the real thing. The game is shipped with both 2 and 4 megabyte version - the former runs in 2x2 mode, meaning every block on the main playing screen is made up of a square, 2 pixels wide. It gives you enough detail to see what's going on, but you can't appreciate the true hard work that has gone into TKG. Showing this mode to a PC owner will result in minus several thousand street cred points, so don't do it.

Feed TKG to anything better than an 68030/25-equipped Amiga, and you start to see things a little more clearly. Coupled with 4Mb of memory, the extra power will allow the 1x1 mode, where the screen is made up of individual pixels. Robots that were a mass of blocks in chunky old 2x2 mode show up as lean, mechanical killers in 1x1. The ankle-biting aliens that previously looked as if they were being viewed through your bathroom window now look fearsome, deadly, and to be avoided.

The second thing to point out is that TKG is very, very tough. It took me 3 days of on-off playing to get past the second level, and that was only by the skin of my teeth. Ammo, in the initial levels at least, is scarce,

forcing you to make every shot count. The aliens attack in ferocious waves, inducing panic-filled spinning around, desperately trying to orientate yourself enough to get a clear shot. The levels are well-designed, with secret passages, hiding holes and even the odd ventilation system for you to crawl around in, Bruce Willis style.

Of course, you are not alone in this playground - the Alien Breed of the title are out for you. In the first game, they weren't such a clever bunch. You could rely on them to follow certain patterns, and take advantage of such rigid artificial intelligence. In TKG, no more - those damn aliens are smart (except for the stupid ones, of course). Even though they can't see you, most can hear you - a missed potshot at a dozing robot will result in the thing chasing after you. This can also work to your advantage, of course - no better way to lure the scum out than to loose off a few rounds outside their hiding place.

The game engine has been improved almost beyond recognition, so you can now look up and down - especially useful in some levels for peering down over a ledge to blast an unsuspecting beastie. Every level is now lightsourced - blasts from guns will temporarily light up dark caverns, and aliens and objects are silhouetted by explosions beyond them.

The light effects, and in particular the sound effects, give the game a very strong atmosphere - play the game with the lights off and the speakers turned up, and I guarantee you'll jump backwards when that walker appears around the corner, headlights - and laser cannon - blazing. The pounding, almost subliminal, sound effects grow steadily quieter and louder as the game and the pace vary.

In fact, technical issues aside, it is the atmosphere generated by TKG that sets it apart from the rest of the crowd. You ARE the lone fighter, stuck in a room with a family of blood-sucking mutants after you. Your task isn't simply to get from the start to the end of the level; it's to blow up X, find out more about Y whilst crawling around Z.

Once every last bit of playability has been exhausted from the game, you can resign just about all of the game with the supplied game editors. The level design, alien intelligence, objects and most other game elements can be customised, enabling the player to create their own little world in which to kill things. PC fans will know that there is a wealth of user-created Doom levels on the Internet, and I expect this will become the case with TKG too. Sadly, a vital file required for the running of the level editor was missed in the final distribution of TKG. Team 17 should have the file ready for release by the time you read this.

In summary, TKG is the finest Amiga "Doom-clone" ever written, and can hold it's head up against other platforms too. It combines atmosphere, technical genius and sound gameplay design to produce an instant Amiga classic. This is the standard on which others will be judged.

Team 17, once the darlings of the Amiga games scene, have been publicly pessimistic about the Amiga's future. It is only the instinct that has been bred into them and the sheer skill of TKG's programmer, Andy Clithereo, that has brought TKG into existence. Do not let their skill and trust go unrewarded. If you like what you have read here, buy the game. This time, the Amiga's future really IS in your hands.

There are also reported problems running TKG from a hard drive. Exactly what causes the problem is unclear at the time of writing, but various suggestions have been put forward in comp.sys.amiga.games. Anyone having trouble with the game would be best advised to keep an eye on c.s.a.g and Team 17's Web Site (<http://www.team17.com>).

Pros: Unsurpassed atmosphere, and probably the most technically advanced game ever written for the Amiga. Enough challenge and levels to keep you at it for a long time to come, and when you've finally beaten it, there's the level editor to keep you going. Oh, and one more go, please.

Cons: Incredibly tough, which creates frustration. Needs a pretty porky Amiga to get the best from it.

1.41 Review: Reccoon BBS v0.67 (registered)

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PRODUCT NAME

Reccoon BBS v0.67 (registered)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A integrated BBS system with support for Fidonet echos, as well as fileechos. Good MSGID/REPLY linking, and support for long file desc.

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LIST PRICE

700 SEK (~US\$ 100) This includes free updates and a keyfile. You can send the payment either via PostGiro 5010164316 (Scandinavians only, mark with "Reccoon / Andersson") or via direct bank transfer to Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SE Banken), Clearingnr 5620, Account 56200005109.

DEMO VERSION

Demo version is available on Aminet, e.g. in /pub/aminet/comm/bbs at ftp.luth.se as Reccoon-Eval.lha or via Fidonet filerequest of "rcn067.lha" from 2:200/236.

The demo version can only run with a locale node, but you can get the feel of the BBS system anyway. You can still import msgs, upload files

etc. When you register you'll get a keyfile, and will also be able to download your personal executables directly online from Henrics BBS. I've mailed Henric about getting the updated personal executables via EMail, but I haven't got any answer yet. That would make it cheaper for people in other parts of the world.

SPECIAL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

HARDWARE

- x 1 MB RAM required, but more is preferred.
- x Installable on disc, but HD is preferred if you want to run the registered version.
- x The program runs on any 680x0 processor, but the faster the better.. :)

SOFTWARE

- x AmigaOS 2.04+ is required.
- x Working just fine on AmigaOS 3.1.
- x If you want to run as a Fidonet node you'll need a Fidonet compatible mailer like TrapDoor. A tosser is included, as well as programs to handle fileechos.

COPY PROTECTION

There is no visible copy protection, but you get your personal keyfile and will also need to download your personal executables before you get the fully working version. I guess you could get the executables Email:ed to you from the author as well.

It can be installed on a hard drive (preferred).

No need for any original disk.

MACHINE USED FOR TESTING

Amiga 3000 25 MHz
Workbench 3.1 (40.42), Kickstart 3.1 (40.68)
One internal 1.76 HD diskdrive and one external DD diskdrive
2 MB Chip RAM
12 MB Fast RAM
Fujutsi 1.05 GB, 100 MB Quantum HD
NEC 2x CDROM
SupraFAXmodem 28k8 V.FC/V.34

INSTALLATION

The product has an easy to use Installer script, but in earlier versions there's been some trouble with the installation failing. This is not the case in the current 0.67 version. It's easy to update from an earlier version, since the script does all the necessary changes. There's also dozens of doors specially wrote for Rcn, and they are easily installed in the DOORS: directory. =20

REVIEW

The BBS packages comes with all the utils you need, like Front, which is a frontend if you do not have any real mailer. A tosser is included to handle msg import/exporting and there's both a STDIO and a GUI config program as well as user editor. It's easy to create your own menus, and the system supports configurable number of menus (you can have e.g. ANSI/non-ANSI menus with swedish or english text). All strings in the BBS program can also be translated if you want to. If your a new user and haven't programmed C before, then there might be some problems to get started with the FPL programming, but since there's a lot of people to ask in the Fidonet echos, or the author, that won't be that big a problem. There's also a lot of examples in the fileechos, and a good online manual for FPL. You don't need to know FPL to create your own menus, even though you can write your menus directly in FPL.

The configuration is quite easily made. All you have to do is start the config program. If you want to install Fidonet stuff, then some Fidonet basic will be good to have. Setting up msg areas and file areas isn't hard at all, just press the Create area button and fill in what you need.

I only run my BBS as a one line BBS, but there is some people running multi-line BBS:s, and they say it works perfectly fine. There's also some chat doors to enable chat between two lines, as well as between more than two people.

The BBS system can handle DOS doors, the old Paragon style doors as well as the new Rcn doors. Most doors I've installed works with some of those configs, which gives us a lot of doors. There is currently not as many doors as Xenolink or AmiExpress have, but work is under way.

New doors and utils will be uploaded to Aminet in comm/bbs, and will begin with 'rcn' to make it easier to locate the special doors/utils (according to the author).

The BBS system does also support XEM libraries, which means you can get RIP support by just adding the xemrip.library to your system. There's also support for ANSI mouse.

DOCUMENTATION

The documentation is all in AmigaGuide format, and it includes documentation for the system, as well as docs about special escape codes, and a separate doc file for FPL (Frexx Programming Language, which is a C like language), which is used for writing the menus, as well as other stuff that you want to change in the BBS system. The upcoming v14 of FPL will also include a compiler to speed up the execution of FPL programs.

The documentation is easy to read, and explains all the functions of the BBS system, new features, updates etc. There's also autodocs for the recoon.library, and some example templates for writing your own doors. The include files is only C versions, but there is work on E modules and asm/E door templates.

The autodocs could be better, as some functions is missing a description.

You can still code your own doors without too much hassle, and you can always mail Henric, or ask a question in any of the Fidonet support echos.

I've always got fast replies from Henric concerning questions on how to code certain stuff, and there's also a bunch of other Rcn sysops to ask questions to, or talk with.

LIKES

The best thing of this BBS system is that it uses FPL for scripts (ARexx can be used if you want), which makes it very configurable. There's also both STDIO and GUI versions of the Config and UserEd programs (even though the GUI versions has to be updated to include the new stuff). The msg part is also good, as it supports MSGID/REPLY linking. The filebase has also been improved to allow long filenames as well as long (more than two rows) descriptions. There's also going to be support for File_ID.DIZ in the future. I'm also running Enforcer to check all new programs that I install, and I'm glad to say that Rcn hasn't given me any hits with this version.

DISLIKES AND SUGGESTIONS

I would like to see some support for REPLY-ADDR kludges, as well as To:/From: fields to enable good support for gated Internet EMail/News.

The tosser is also a little bit slow, and it doesn't come with a GUI config program, which would be much better, as it makes it easier to config nodes/echos. There isn't any good way to delete a msg area or a file area, so you have to set the access to a high number to exclude it for users.

I've talked to the author and he said it will be fixed in a later version.

One quirk with the system is the special version of FSED that comes with the system. This is the full screen editor that is used when writing msgs. It's a bit old, and has some really annoying features, like when I press =F6= (a swedish char) and the cursor goes down one line instead of printing an =F6... :(

COMPARISON TO OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS

I've only tested TransAmiga a little before I tested Rcn and registered. As Rcn is a swedish product, and I live in Sweden, that made me chose Rcn, as I could get fast support. In comparision to TA I would say that Rcn is easier to install and configure. It has also got better Fidonet support in the msg base.

BUGS

There has been some bugs in earlier versions, but they're fixed in this version. I've had no problems at all since I installed 0.67.

VENDOR SUPPORT

You can contact the author via Email at edc@klippan.se or through Fidonet ar 2:200/236. For his full address, see the beginning of this review.

There's also a couple of Fidonet msg echos and file echos where the author and other Rcn sysops can exchange sources, help, suggestions etc. These Fidonet echos are exported to the UK as well, so if you want support in the UK, then please contact Richard Bell at 2:251/31.

I've written some doors for Rcn and I'm currently working on a new online editor for Rcn, with support for signatures, headers, ANSI colours and a lot of other stuff. This editor is a port from OS/2, where it was originally written by Bj=F6rn Stenberg (2:201/328 or bjst@sth.frontec.se). I've added a lot of stuff since the original port, and also removed some bugs. The reason I ported it was that there was no support for FSED any more (there is a special version of FSED for Rcn included in the archive) so I thought I should fix a better editor. Beta testing is currently under way, and a full release will be included in the next release of Rcn.

WARRANTY

The author doesn't take any responsibility if anything goes wrong. You use the program on your own risk.

CONCLUSIONS

The conclusion will be that this is a great BBS packages, with a few glitches like no News/Email support and no File_ID.DIZ support (yet!).

The tosser is a little bit slow, and doesn't have all those fancy things I wanted, so I run another tosser for the main tossing and only use ReccProc to import/export msgs to the BBS. It do contain a msg filter though, so you can add your own robots, like Areafix/Raid programs. The Fidonet msg system is also very good.

I give it four out of five stars. The product gives a good first impression, and the easy installation makes it even more positive in the first impression. When you get the feel of the system I'm sure you're gonna like it even more, at least I did.

The easy way to create doors and add scripts makes the system very configurable, and you can add almost anything to your personal setup. With both ARexx and FPL supported, you can easily add customized menus, add extra menus to the GUI, and a lot of other stuff.

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1.42 Review: TEAC High Density FDD

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 Review: TEAC High Density FDD

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Two years ago during the computer show here in cologne, the original Chinon

drives were dumped out for a price lower than 100DM (\$66 I guess) but I didn't buy one. A few weeks later I heard that Chinon kicked these drives out of their product family. That's life...

Time goes by and I reached a point where a HD-drive became very important for me (PC-Task, Shapeshifter). But there are no drives on the market.

This spring I saw an advertisement of the German firm "Amtrade". They offered the drive I was searching for. One day later I ordered an internal one for my A2000 (running in a PC-Bigtower). It took about four weeks for delivery.

This drive is a TEAC one with a little hardware plugged on the floppy connector. The whole magic does a PAL and a little modification on the floppy-board. The way of connection is like the normal drives.

After inserting and connecting the drive, I started my test. This software works fine with the drive:

- PC-Task
- Shapeshifter
- CrossDos
- CrossMac
- SuperDuper

From my point of view this drive is 99.99% compatible with all system friendly programmes.

The internal A1200-version includes the floppy-fix for the newer A1200-models. External drives are available too. I don't know if there is a version for the A3000 (it seems to be question of the right eject-button).

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1.43 Review: Aminet Set 3

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Aminet Set 1 was stunning in scope. Aminet Set 2, a year later, was a welcome update. But Aminet Set 3, coming about six months later, is a big surprise.

If you're unfamiliar with Aminet, you're missing out on a global phenomenon. Now recognized as the largest archive of freely redistributable software not just for the Amiga but for ANY platform, Aminet is THE place to get non-commercial Amiga programs, tools, music, pictures, you name it. A few years back, Aminet CDs began to surface, gaining popularity and acceptance as 3 month, then two month installments under publisher Schatztruhe. The Set was a way to compile the entire Aminet, and later its updates, into small, portable 4-disc sets.

Aminet Set 3 is the wealth of files accumulated since Aminet Set 2, and also includes new material compiled after the release of the 12th Aminet CD. Some of the massive gain in a short time has been accomplished through integrating other sources of data (in other words, it wasn't all just spontaneously uploaded by enthusiastic masses), but it is there and it is new to Aminet all the same.

Seen one, you've seen them all, more or less. The ever-present AmigaGuide interface is back, allowing you to uncompress and run software directly off the CDs, search for titles, configure your own viewing software, and more. What might make Aminet Set 3 more attractive to you, if you're still reeling from the data overload of owning the Set 1 or perhaps a subscription, is the commercial goodies on the Set.

Recent Aminet CDs have been publishing specially licensed commercial software, and a number of the offerings have been quite attractive. On the Set 3, you will find a few games (still not very good), OctaMED 5 (well worth a look), XiPaint 3.2 (the very capable 24-bit paint package) and Imagine 4, which to my mind is the biggest goodie since, well, since Imagine 3 was released on CU Amiga's coverdisk last winter.

What's more, there's a brochure included that offers special upgrade prices to XiPaint 4 for under US\$50, Imagine 5 for US\$125, a special Imagine 3D object CD for US\$20, and OctaMED Sound Studio 1 for under US\$40. It's a lot of savings.

Do you NEED Aminet Set 3? Well, while there is overlap between Aminets since the Set 2 and this one, the commercial software is quite a bargain. All of the completely new files are categorized separately in the AmigaGuide index, so you can easily get to what you don't already have on file. But as to whether or not you NEED the set versus just being content to access Aminet via FTP or the Web, that's always a personal decision.

To my mind, it's staggering to think that Aminet now sprawls over 24 CDs and for that reason alone, it's worth considering being a part of that history. I think this set categorizes directories a bit better over the 4 discs, making things more reasonable to find. Give it some serious thinking, particularly if graphics or music are on your mind.

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1.44 How To Buy A Computer, By John Pospisil

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Review: How to Buy a Computer (Australian) by John Pospisil

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Published in May of this year, the book *How To Buy a Computer* was written by John Pospisil, Amiga enthusiast. John and I have been in touch for over a year now, talking about the Amiga and its role in the Australian marketplace. That role can be seen, somewhat, through his book, published by the Australian Consumers' Association, roughly analagous to the organization behind the American Consumer Reports magazine.

John's book is for regular people who think they might want to buy a computer. The book is cleanly laid out into sections, which take you through the questions "Do I really need and want a computer?", "What IS a computer, anyway?", "What can I do with a computer?" and then gets into Internet discussions and learning how to use a computer. Finally, it gets down to "Which computer should I buy?"

John had to fight to get what Amiga references he did into the book. I will say this for him: he, along with Storm Front Studios (former publishers of Australia's last Amiga publication) got a lot of Amiga screenshots into the book. The problem is that John rarely gets them credited to the Amiga, so they're just faceless screenshots of Term and Imagine et al--enough so that WE realize what they are, but not enough so that the unsuspecting reader actually gets the message.

When it boils down to the "what to buy" section, the Amiga is left out of the hard-core comparison between the PC and Mac. We get two pages, complete with a mini-history lesson on the Amiga, overview of the OS and Amiga advantages, and mini-reviews on the A1200 and A4000T. The verdict on the 1200 is that it's a good home machine, and the 4000T is blasted for its price. Its future prospects are given as nebulous...which I suppose means John knows about as much as the rest of us. :)

While the book will be of little interest to Amiga users--even if you're considering switching platforms, John's book is aimed at the first-time buyer so you'll have the answers to most of his questions already, if not all of them--it's good to see the Amiga get some mainstream recognition. If I was the editor, I would of course have put a whole lot more Amiga information in there. On the other hand, the number of writers and editors that wouldn't have seen clear to giving the Amiga as much exposure as this book does is far greater, so I can't complain. From a totally objective standpoint, I think John did a competent job of really explaining the basic differences between the platforms and allowing people to make their own decisions--there is no "Windows 95 is the wave of the future, catch it now or drown" rhetoric that's become so popular over the past year.

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1.45 Review: DblScan 4000 By PLP

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Back in the old days, people tried all sorts of things to get rid of high-res flicker, because it looked really nasty on a 1084 monitor. Turning down the contrast was just annoying, so most who were serious about the problem would buy devices like Commodore and Microway flickerfixers, Flicker Free Videos, and would install these in their machines. They let you put a VGA monitor on your system so that high-res screens wouldn't have nasty interlace jitters.

Then, the wonderful minds at Commodore put a flicker-fixer in the A3000. And it worked, overall, wonderfully. But when AGA machines came around, there was little relief in sight. The only good option was to get a nice multisync monitor and pretend the interlace wasn't there.

But the problem THEN became that good multisync monitors (those that can handle the Amiga's 15khz modes) became very hard to find--and those you COULD find were rather expensive. So Petsoff Limited Partnership has come up with a solution. For about \$200, you can put your A4000's built-in video on a standard VGA 15-pin socket, with all of your 15khz screens bumped up to a nice steady 31khz display.

Which is exactly what it does, for most people. The DblScan 4000 is a tiny card that fits in the video slot (or one of your video slots, if you have a 4000T) and promotes the built-in AGA display modes to 31khz where applicable. (DBL modes, which are at 27 khz, are not affected.) Less than a dozen chips are on the card, and installation is brutally easy. No software drivers, it just works.

That is, unless you have one of the makes of power supply that the DblScan 4000 is unhappy with. Even after PLP sent a replacement board with a better capacitor, to try to get around the power supply glitches, our desktop A4000 was not happy with the DblScan 4000. The display would lose all cohesion within 15 minutes, which was a shame. On most Commodore 4000 desktops, and all those with beefier power supplies, this is not a problem.

My German (Eagle-built) A4000T performs wonderfully with the DblScan installed. Occasionally, there are a few seconds of "fuzzy" display soon after powering on, but the problem quickly clears up.

So, what's the point of owning one? Even if you're a self-proclaimed power applications user and have no truck with games, you still need a 15khz display to view certain key screens, such as the Early Startup Screen and gurus. A standard VGA monitor will not give you these. Some older

software just refuses to promote properly, and requires a 15khz display.

Multisync monitors continue to be pretty pricey for Amiga users. While the 1764 is a great product, it is not available globally. The 20" TIMM supports 15khz modes but is too blurry for some. This card allows you to put the finest Iiyama SVGA monitor on your system and use it like a champ.

The only competing product I've seen mention of is sold by Power Computing of the UK. While reviews were favorable, the card is roughly 3X the price of the DblScan. Compatibility with other Amiga hardware and software is impeccable--basically, not a whole lot can go wrong.

If you need a video display solution on a standard VGA monitor that keeps compatibility with 15khz modes for games and other projects, the DblScan is a great choice.

Retail price: US\$180, \$15 shipping

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1.46 Review: Apollo 1240/40 Accelerator

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Review: Apollo 1240/40 Accelerator, Part 1

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I remember when an 020/14 seemed really, really fast. Unfortunately, to most people, it doesn't seem that way anymore. But the A1200 ships that way, so you'll have to take matters into your own hands to cram some speed into that little case.

The Apollo 1240/40 card aims to do just that. Armed with a Motorola 68040 processor at 40mhz, fully equipped with FPU and MMU, your A1200 will get quite a speed increase.

Installation is thankfully much easier than with the first 040 accelerator we reviewed, the Falcon 040/25. The Apollo is self-contained, with a smaller 040 package than the Falcon's. The chip, a small heat sink and a fan are all mounted on the side of the board that faces up into the computer, the underside contains all the support logic, SIMM slot, and the SCSI module header. (The SCSI module is sold separately and unfortunately was not provided for review.)

Pop in a SIMM up to 32 megabytes and set the RAM jumper to on. The board

takes care of the rest. The only other jumper is the SCSI option jumper, which you activate when you install the SCSI card.

Open up your A1200's trapdoor case (you may actually find it helpful to just open the case outright, it makes putting these cards in a lot easier), slide it in, and you're ready to go. There is no necessary support software, the 040 will configure automatically and you're off and running. Unlike the Falcon, the card is not so huge that you'll never be able to get it out--it's large enough to fit snugly in the trapdoor, but can be manipulated in and out easily.

A stronger power supply is recommended by the card manufacturer but I have noticed no ill effects on the A1200 with hard drive we used for testing. It is worth noting that the chip, despite its heat sink and fan does get mighty warm.

The operating manual is all of two A4-sized pieces of paper, which cover the bare essentials of the accelerator's function. For troubleshooting, you're on your own.

We'll wait for benchmarks until AR 4.12, when we will compare the Falcon, the Apollo 1240/40 and the Phase5 Blizzard 1260. But here are some real-world impressions of the 1240/40 card:

Functionally, the card is quite satisfying. Just as it should, the system is significantly sped up, even over the performance we got with the Falcon. However, under CPU-intensive operations I noticed a tendency for the mouse pointer to freeze up intermittently, in a way I've never seen before under normal operation of other computer and accelerator configurations.

Speed is indeed faster than stock 040/25 configurations for both 3640 cards (as found in 4000s and 4000Ts) and the Falcon.

To my mind, the Apollo supplants the Falcon in price and functionality, and is the only marketed 040 solution that even approaches usability from a heat and size perspective. (Now that there's a Falcon alternative, I can't recommend it in good conscience. Phase5's upcoming 040 A1200 board is intended for tower configurations only.) Stay tuned for benchmarks, and give the Apollo 1240/40 some serious thought if you're looking to get some extra juice out of your A1200 without taking the 060 plunge.

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1.47 Review: Mods Anthology

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Now that Mods Anthology is out, I don't want anybody to ever ask me again if I know where they can find any mods. The fact that this is billed as "Volume 1" positively frightens me.

Uncompressed on 4 CD-ROMs, Mods Anthology 1 represents over two gigabytes of MOD songs. If you figure the average mod is 140k and lasts 4 minutes (completely arbitrary figures), this means you're buying 61,371 minutes of music. That's 2557 days. That's 7 years.

Now, granted, a whole lot of MODs are just awful. And a lot of others sound suspiciously similar. (Yes, I understand the concept of a remix, but that's not what I mean.) But the fact remains that there are so many MODs here that you've GOTTA find something you like.

Nicolas Franck, himself an Amiga composer and programmer, has been collecting MODs for years. And this is the motherlode. Organized on 4 CD-ROMs by author (alphabetically spread out over CDs) with the fourth CD dedicated to synth tunes, miscellaneous music, and "exotic formats", there's a ridiculous number of MODs here. Included is a version of DeliTracker, one of the most versatile MOD players out there. (Personally, I find the Genie system it uses to be a bit overwhelming at times, but they do allow the program to be very modular and powerful.)

There is an informative AmigaGuide readme file included and a search facility. Unfortunately, the search script does not seem to work completely on my system: it will locate strings in song titles on all four CDs, but will not interactively load them.

There are a great number of old favorites and modern classics on here, as well as just about every MOD author on record. Franck made every attempt to contact all of the authors and gain their permission, which basically just means that U4ia wouldn't allow for his MODs to be on the CD. No news here.

Each disc has a "click me first" icon, which brings up DeliTracker and a few dozen of the best mods on each disc. It's a good starting point, although your taste may vary wildly from his.

Call me nutty, but one of my favorite parts of the collection is the "PlaySID" collection on disc 4, which is a whole lot of C-64 SID tunes, playable through DeliTracker. You haven't lived until you've heard JCH's West End Girls. :)

Despite the problems with the search engine, Mods Anthology 1 is just that: an anthology, a tome, a massive collection of tunes. If your "music/mods" directory is boring you, pick up the Anthology. Enjoy!

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1.48 Aminet Charts: 05-Aug-96

| The most downloaded files from Aminet during the week until 5-Aug-96
 | Updated weekly. Most popular file on top.

File	Dir	Size	Age	Description
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SmartWB105.lha	util/wb	8K	0+	Boosts up Workbench's window refresh
CV64-3D-Shot.lha	pix/illu	316K	0+	First Cybervision64/3D Screenshot!
amicdfs232.lha	disk/cdrom	123K	0+	AmiCDFS (AmiCDROM) v2.32
mcx256.lha	util/cdity	74K	0+	Multi Function Commodity
YAM13_1.lha	comm/mail	307K	0+	MUI Internet mailer V1.3.1
mystpr01.lha	game/demo	827K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 1/19)
mystpr02.lha	game/demo	826K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 2/19)
NewIconsV3.lha	util/wb	539K	0+	The Ultimate GUI Enhancement System,
DOPbt1.lha	biz/dopus	29K	0+	Various opus4 help scripts: see read
mystpr03.lha	game/demo	815K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 3/19)
mystpr04.lha	game/demo	829K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 4/19)
mystpr06.lha	game/demo	811K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 6/19)
mystpr05.lha	game/demo	791K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 5/19)
mystpr08.lha	game/demo	785K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 8/19)
mystpr12.lha	game/demo	816K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 12/19)
mystpr07.lha	game/demo	853K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 7/19)
mystpr18.lha	game/demo	846K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 18/19)
mystpr19.lha	game/demo	551K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 19/19)
mystpr17.lha	game/demo	856K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 17/19)
mystpr09.lha	game/demo	817K	0+	Demo Myst Adventure (File 9/19)

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 | don't rate your own programs. Example: RATE dev/gui/mui23usr.lha 8

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Base64Coders.lha	comm/mail	10K	5+	Fast base64 (MIME) decoder/encoder.
MagiC64.lha	misc/emu	284K	4+	The fastest C64 emulator for Amiga V
Executive.lha	util/misc	527K	36+	UNIX-like task scheduler (V1.30)
YAM13_1.lha	comm/mail	307K	0+	MUI Internet mailer V1.3.1
MUI-Finger12.lha	comm/tcp	6K	3+	Finger utility with MUI interface
swoshd.lha	game/patch	14K	0+	HD Installer for SWOS (...95/96, EC'
NH32P1v2.lha	game/role	1.0M	4+	Official Amiga Nethack 3.2.1 binarie
aplay211.lha	mus/play	589K	4+	APlayer - An allround Amiga music pl
Heil95.lha	pix/misc	18K	9+	A new true Win 95 logo. Heil Bill!
MS_cows.lha	pix/misc	545K	0+	640x480 pic of the Microsoft staff (
NewIconsV3.lha	util/wb	539K	0+	The Ultimate GUI Enhancement System,
ar410.lha	docs/mags	68K	0+	Amiga Report 4.10, July 24, 1996
Scions.lha	game/demo	406K	0+	Preview of Almagica - Scions of a Fo
Breed96.lha	game/misc	176K	0+	Space colonisation/exploration game
AmiFTP-1.607.lha	comm/tcp	271K	4+	Easy to use GUI FTP client for OS 2.
Morton.lha	game/demo	430K	6+	Cute but tricky platformer
AmFTP153.lha	comm/tcp	196K	21+	AmFTP - ftp/Archie/ADT/ADT-Find Clie
Testament1.lha	game/demo	693K	3+	Preview of 3D action game. AGA only.

DC60_H1_Upd.lha	biz/patch	7K	1+DosControl Update von v6.0g auf v6.0
KewlCDProbeta.lha	comm/maxs	86K	0+KewlCDPro V1.0b - ULTIMATE CD-Rom fo
XFilesDemo.lha	docs/hyper	68K	1+X-Files database (french only)
titraiproj.lha	gfx/misc	7K	0+Simply program to put subtitles on V
fmsx_1.0.lha	misc/emu	186K	2+MSX emulator, req. 68020/OS2.0
Turn13.lha	text/misc	41K	1+Converts Text in ROT13-format
FastIPrefs4028.lha	util/boot	31K	2+FastIPrefs 40.28 & FastWBPattern 40.
UsNThem.lha	game/misc	278K	5+1-2 Player Archon clone.
biorhythms.lha	misc/misc	67K	0+Nice WB biorhythm calculator, V3.4
Visage.lha	gfx/show	168K	4+Picture viewer for OS 3.0+. V39.9

1.49 Amiga Report Mailing List

Amiga Report Mailing List

If you have an internet mailing address, you can receive Amiga Report in

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form each week as soon as the issue is released. To be put on the list, send Email to majordomo@amigalib.com

Your subject header will be ignored. In the body of the message, enter
subscribe areport

The system will automatically pull your e-mail address from the message header.

Your account must be able to handle mail of any size to ensure an intact copy. For example, many systems have a 100K limit on incoming messages.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE be certain your host can accept mail over **
 ** 100K! We have had a lot of bouncebacks recently from systems with a **
 ** 100K size limit for incoming mail. If we get a bounceback with your **
 ** address in it, it will be removed from the list. Thanks! **

1.50 uuencode

UUDecoding Amiga Report

If you receive Amiga Report from the direct mailing list, it will arrive in UUEncoded format. This format allows programs and archive files to be sent through mail by converting the binary into combinations of ASCII characters. In the message, it will basically look like a lot of trash surrounded by begin <filename> and end, followed by the size of the file.

To UUDecode Amiga Report, you first need to get a UUDecoding program, such as UUxT by Asher Feldman. This program is available on Aminet in

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Then you must download the message that it is contained in. Don't worry about message headers, the UUDecoding program will ignore them.

There is a GUI interface for UUxT, which should be explained in the docs. However, the quickest method for UUDecoding the magazine is to type

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at the command prompt. You will then have to decompress the archive with lha, and you will then have Amiga Report in all of its AmigaGuide glory.

If you have any questions, you can write to
Jason Compton

1.51 Aminet

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To get Amiga Report from Aminet, simply FTP to any Aminet site, CD to docs/mags. All the back issues are located there as well.

Sites: ftp.netnet.net, ftp.wustl.edu, ftp.luth.se, ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk

1.52 World Wide Web

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AR is also available on the WWW! Some of the mirror sites include a mail form, allowing you to mail to Amiga Report from the web site and some also include a search engine allowing you to search recent issues for specific topics and keywords (if your browser has forms capability). Simply tell your browser to open one of the following URLs (pick a location nearest you for the best performance):

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http://www.phys.unsw.edu.au/~pec/amiga.html
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Germany

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http://www.fhi-berlin.mpg.de/amiga/ar/
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Greece

<http://www.acropolis.net/clubs/amiga/amigareport/>

Hungary

<http://mm.iit.uni-miskolc.hu/Data/AR>

Italy

<http://www.vol.it/mirror/amiga/ar/ar.html>

Poland

<http://www.pwr.wroc.pl/AMIGA/AR/>

Sweden

<http://www.lysator.liu.se/amiga/ar/>

United Kingdom

<http://ppewww.ph.gla.ac.uk/~gowdy/Amiga/AmigaReport/>

<http://www.iprom.com/amigaweb/amiga.html/ar/ar.html> (w/search and mail)

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Users/kccil>

USA

<http://www.cucug.org/ar/ar.html> (w/search and mail)

<http://www.omnipresence.com/Amiga/News/AR/>

Additional Amiga information can also be accessed at this URL:

<http://www.cucug.org/amiga.html>

Mosaic for the Amiga can be found on Aminet in directory comm/net, or (using anonymous ftp) on max.physics.sunysb.edu

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602-326-1095

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* COMM-LINK BBS *

E-Mail: steve_hooper@comm.tfbbs.wimsey.com Fido: 1:153/210.0
604-945-6192

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* TIERRA-MIGA BBS *

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619.292.0754

* VIRTUAL PALACE BBS *

Sysop Email: tibor@ecst.csuchico.edu

916-343-7420

* AMIGA AND IBM ONLY BBS *
EMail: vonmolk@crash.cts.com AmigaNET: 40:406/7.0
(619) 428-4887

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* EMERALD KEEP BBS *
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618-394-0065

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* DLTACOM AMIGA BBS *
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* NETWORK XXIII DATA SYSTEM *
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* FREELAND MAINFRAME *
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* PIONEERS BBS *
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