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Chapter 1

OctaMED

1.1 OctaMED ReadMe

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*****
**      OctaMED Professional, Version 6 by Teijo Kinnunen  1991-1995      **
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**                               Completion Date    -   -   1995          **
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Thank you for buying OctaMED! This file contains important information, so
please read all topics carefully before doing anything else.
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          Obtaining Full Versions
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            Should I make a backup?
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1.2 Compatibility

From now on, OctaMED requires operating system 2.04 or later, but OctaMEDPlayer, although upgraded, still only requires Kickstart/WB 1.2 or higher to run, thus allowing you to pass on your PD music (along with the OctaMEDPlayer itself) to others that may still be using an older Amiga®. (Note that the OctaMEDPlayer is the ONLY part of this disk that is PD). Even today, OctaMED differs from most other programs of this type by multitasking correctly and being totally system-friendly.

OctaMED and OctaMEDPlayer now support the AmigaGuide® system to provide on-line help, allowing you to press HELP at any time to get a complete manual in hypertext format. Use the guide via OctaMED, by pressing the HELP key whilst the prog is running.

No commercial printing of the docs is allowed by law, they may be printed

out for the purchasers personal use only, they may not be passed on. Printing any portion of the on disk help or "OctaMED Companion" IS illegal and any Company wishing to do so must first apply for a licence.

OctaMED uses the following disk-based operating system libraries:

asl.library (obligatory, available on this disk)
iffparse.library (obligatory, available on this disk)
amigaguide.library® (optional), but required to use the on-line help.
Available on WB 3.0 or later, but for WB 2 users an older version is provided in the LIBS directory.

(Amigaguide® and wb 2.1 files are used under licence with Commodore)

Hyper® .guide reader, reads PowerPacked .guide files.

Hyper, from version 1.19b is copyright RBF Software and may not be used within commercial/sharware/licenceware, without obtaining a licence.

powerpacker.library (optional), needed for crunching etc, it is available on this disk. Licenced with author.

lh.library (optional), great compression, licenced with author.

Also used on this disk is PPMore which is used by previous arrangement with it's author Nico François.....Thanks Nico!

Please note that the new wb2.1 file requester now asks for "VOLUME" instead of "DISKS". Please remember this when loading files via this new version.

One final thing..., we have found that depending on where your 1200 was assembled, (don't ask us why!), the chord function does not work on that particular A1200 keyboard, (works fine all the others, including the 4000's!), so if you are using an A1200 and this function fails to work, then you will have to insert your chords manually, don't blame us!!

1.3 Using The Locale Feature of OctaMED

Extra locale OctaMED.catalogs will hopefully be supplied on disk 2 of the full save enabled V6.

Note: to use locale you need WB2.1 (ON THIS DISK) or higher.

1.4 MED USERS GROUP

If you haven't yet joined the MED Users Group (or MUG for short), we strongly recommend that you do! This non-profit making group offers a great deal of help and very friendly guidance on OctaMED. By joining you will receive lots of OctaMED info, songs, help, etc, etc.

Write to MUG, 6 Glevum Road, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, Wilts. SN3 4AF

Ask for details of membership, stating that you have OctaMED version 6

PLEASE..enclose an S.A.E or IRC coupon for your reply!!

By the way, the Med User Group is run in association with the OctaMED User Support BBS, so if you have a modem, why not give us a call on: +44 (0)1703 703446 and join in the fun.

1.5 Backup

It's recommended that you make a working copy of your OctaMED disk and store the original disk in a safe place. This will save you from a lot of frustration if your OctaMED disk becomes corrupted. You are allowed BY LAW to make two backup copies for your own personal use only!

1.6 Hard Disk Installation

(not applicable in the non-save demo)

Simply click on the HD Instal icon

1.7 Copyright

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1.8 About OctaMED & Thanks

This program has been designed and programmed by Teijo Kinnunen with a lot of help from Ray at RBF Software.

The Copyrighted OctaMED.guide files have been re-written by Ed Wiles, (based mainly on the documentation of older versions of OctaMED).

Note that these may not be reproduced without permission.

The icons for OctaMED/OctaMEDPlayer have been designed by Izrael Similä (Iz Productions). Thanks!

OctaMED has been pre-release-tested by Richard Bannister, Kevan Craft, Tony Horgan, Bjørn A. Lynne, Ed Wiles, Daniel Amor, Stephan Fuhrmann, Pasi Kovanen, Håkan Andersson, Dean Murray and Paul Overraa Thank you! Also many thanks for the numerous suggestions sent in by users worldwide.

And last, but certainly not the least, thanks to Ray for suggesting and subsequently taking care of the world distribution of OctaMED!

1.9 Suppliers Licenced by RBF Software

Note that DevWare are no longer licenced to act as our N.American distributors as after having sold thousands of Dollars worth of our program in America, instead of sending us the agreed payments, they chose to steal the Royalties and plough it back into the company to

attempt to keep themselves bouyant!!

(if thats not tantamount to theft, don't know what is).

The boss (Erin Carey), has ignored our attempts to sort this out and matters are now in the hands of a debt recovery agency. So, if buying products from this Company, be aware of this fact!

Therefore the English language version 6 will only be available for N.Amercian users, directly from RBF Software here in the UK.

For price and ordering details, please read the "How_To_Order" text contained on this disk.

A full French language version should become available from:

France-Festival-Distribution
3, Rue Anatole France, Fr 13220 Chateuaneuf-Les-Martigues. (33) 42761870

A full German language version will soon become available from:

ABF Computer Gbr
Postfach 40 01 43 70401 Stuttgart. 07152/937904

So if you live in one of these countries, or would prefer a version in one of these languages, please contact them.

NOTE:

If you have difficulties in obtaining a copy of V6 then send your order directly to RBF Software. (see How_To_Order)

The new Copyrighted programmers player routines will be made available on the distribution disks.

1.10 Contact Addresses

For any matters concerning distribution, sales, copyright, licencing, or such, you should contact the world copyright owners RBF Software:

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+44 (01)703 785680 This is an Answerphone/Fax service line only.

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We can also be reached on the net by e-mail:

rbfsoft@cix.compulink.co.uk

OR,

via the OctaMED User Support BBS on +44 (0)1703 703446

(this is the home of the OctaMED.User/MUG Group)

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For matters concerning the program itself, e.g. suggestions, ideas and bug reports, you can write to the author:

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Due to the amount of received mail and limited spare time, the author will probably not be able to reply (unless it's really important). I'm sorry about this.. I can't afford to hire a secretary.. ;-)

E-Mail messages will probably be answered, though, as it's much quicker and easier and if you leave me mail on our OctaMED User Support BBS then I will certainly try and give you an answer as quickly as possible. (probably quicker), +44 (01)703 703446 (my handle is TEIJOK).

Anyway, you are very welcome to write and share your ideas and feelings. Even if I cannot answer personally, all suggestions/ideas will be considered.

Please remember to indicate the version number of OctaMED you are using. This is important if you are reporting bugs, the version number and its compilation date are displayed in the OctaMED "About" screen (select About from the Project menu).

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If you find any mistakes in or have any suggestions concerning the on-line help file, (not applicable to the non-save demo), Ed, the main author, would love to hear from you!

Please write to:

Ed Wiles, 9 Kirkland Wynd, Lochvale, Dumfries, DG1 4ES, SCOTLAND.

NOTE TO BRITISH USERS: You may notice the odd American spelling in the help file. This is intended as an aid users living in countries where English isn't the first language (there's quite a few, you know ;'), since it's likely that American rather than English spellings will be familiar. (Anyway, who ever thought of putting a "u" in "color" ??-) The original Latin word didn't have a "u" in it, so ... ???!?!? :-D)

NOTE TO AMERICAN USERS: I've included as many American spellings as I know, but if I've got (sorry, gotten :) anything wrong, please tell me!
(remember that the manual does not cover this new soundcard addition)

1.11 Teijo's thoughts about future development

The development of the OctaMED Pro Soundstudio is now under way.

All registered purchasers of this V6 will be able to upgrade to it for a very good price.

(Registered MUG members will get an even better upgrade price)

Some of the MAJOR plans we have, include:

- * Even more compatability with Aura Toccata etc.
- * Full seperate screen Stave/Editing (see below)
- * Enhanced sound support
- * Further MIDI support.
- * Full Sonix® type notation editor
- * AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!