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Chapter 1

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1.1 Bernd Sieker

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Directory: ham, midi
Amiga: A3000/040, 2+16 MB RAM, 1360 MB HD, Retina BLT Z3

Curriculum vitae:

Born in 1970 in Detmold (district Lippe), 1990 graduation in Lage, followed by 12 months of "service for the country" :-). After that and still today studying computer science in Bielefeld. One sister, 2 years older, and one brother, 5 years younger.

Hardware

In one corner of my flat there is an old C64 which will be reactivated soon now to try LUnix (a real multitasking OS with interprocess communication, networking and "shared floppies").

My main machine is, of course, an Amiga, by now the third:

- 1989--1991: Amiga 500, later with 2 floppy drives and 2.3 MB RAM
- 1991--1994: Amiga 2000 with GVP Series II, 7 MB RAM, 105 MB harddisk; later extended with G-Force 030/22, 11 MB RAM, 280 MB harddisk and Retina Z2.
- 1994--now: Amiga 3000, currently with an A3640, 18 MB RAM, 1360 MB harddisk, CD-ROM and Retina BLT Z3. There is also an Ariadne, MFC-3 and Toccata board which are currently not in use because of bus problems.

About them operating systems: There are quite a couple of them on my systems: While in the beginning I was satisfied with AmigaDOS 1.2, the Amiga 2000 was running under AmigaDOS 2.0, and nowadays I can choose among: Amiga OS 3.1, MacOS 7.5.1 (ShapeShifter), MS-DOS/MS-Windows (PC-Task, almost never) or NetBSD 1.0. The first three of these can also run concurrently, only NetBSD takes over the entire hardware. As there is no software emulation for the Intel 386 (and above) I'm not running OS/2 (but don't get me wrong - I don't miss it :-)

Contributions for Meeting Pearls

I have already participated in the creation of volume II of the Meeting Pearls CD: Like on this CD I maintained the "midi" directory and designed and rendered the images for the CD cover together with Randolph Schultz.

On this CD I maintain the directories "midi" (MIDI software) and, together with Rüdiger Meinecke, "ham" (packet radio software).

Hobbys

Besides the computer it's most of all music (I play keyboards, piano and sometimes tin whistle in a small amateur band) and sports (Softball in our university team "Bielefeld Beavers" and Baseball in the "Lagenser Sliders" union). Apart from that I am a radio amateur with the ("small") ultra-short wave license (DG6YHI) and mainly do packet radio. I am in there almost every day and can be found on an IRC-like chatting system called "Ping-Pong-Convers", of course on Amiga channel 4000.

Music

Marillion (Fish and Hogarth), The Beatles, Mike Oldfield, Queen, Genesis (Gabriel), Tori Amos and more

Star Trek

Strictly speaking, only "The Next Generation" and "Voyager". The old StarTrek episodes are funny but too silly. What fascinates me about Next Generation is the attempt to create an utopic but still pretty logical and convincing kind of physics that tries to explain all abilities and features of the Enterprise. I recommend the "Interactive Technical Manual" on CD-ROM for Mac (works flawlessly on Shapeshifter, graphic board highly recommended)

Reading

Just recently I discovered that I have to catch up with a lot of literature. So far I was fascinated by Robert A. Heinlein and Stephen Baxter.

Picture: Portrait
