Organic Art 1.0 Release Notes

What's Not in the Printed Manual?

There have been a few additions to the on-line help after the manual was printed, which are listed below.

Note some of these may also not be in the international versions of the on-line help, in which case see the English language help file, help.hlp, in the root directory of the install CD.

General Interface Tips

Ctrl-Double click will choose a random scene.

Right-clicking the Restart button will redraw the screeen.

Advanced Configuration Settings

These are only in the English language on-line help at present.

Troubleshooting Sections

Saver Won't Start on 3.1 if Designer is Running FPS Meter sometimes Unreliable on Windows 3.1 Video Driver problems/"An exception has occurred writing to the display" "Can't Display" in Preview windows (24-bit display problem)

Light Graphics

The lighting model diagram in the Graphics Help file is not in the manual appendices.

Hints and Info

Moving up from the Demo

Please see the manual or the help file (a copy is in the root directory of the CD) for instructions if you have the demo installed.

Moving up from a Beta

It is recommended you uninstall any beta versions before installing the release version. Any scenes you have created will *not* be deleted, and you can copy them from "1.0 Beta\Scenes" to "1.0\Scenes" (similarly for the Images directory).

Playing the CD Audio

The screen saver has an option to automatically play the Organic Art music if the CD is in the drive. The music is supplied as standard CD digital audio tracks, on tracks 2 and 3 of the CDROM. You can also play this music using normal Windows audio CD players.

Track 1 is the data track - Windows CD players will generally skip this automatically. As per any CDROM, DO NOT attempt to play the data track in a normal hi-fi CD player, as the digital noise may damage your speakers.

Known Issues

Saver Configuration on 3.1 with "Minimise on Use" Set

In Windows 3.1, if you have the "Minimise on Use" option set in Program Manager, and you try to launch the "Configure Organic Art" icon, it will not appear, and Program Manager will be unresponsive for a few seconds.

If Program Manager still fails to respond after 5 seconds or so, switch to it with the task manager (hit Ctrl-Esc), and hit Esc.

Either switch off Minimise on Use, or configure Organic Art from the Control Panel's Desktop icon.

CD Audio Looping on 3.1

In Windows 3.1, if you have "Play CD Audio" enabled, the music will play once through (about 5 minutes) and stop. It is intended to loop (and does on 95 and NT), but this doesn't seem to work on Windows 3.1.

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