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February is lumbering its way to a conclusion that can come only too soon. Not only is the weather miserable, but the Amiga ownership question has been hanging in the air for some time now.

The question is out of my hands, and out of yours as well, I'm afraid. It's in the hands of Mr. Hembach, Escom's trustee, his lawyer in the US by the name of David Robinson, and the parties bidding for the Amiga, only one of which (QuikPak) has actually stepped forward and publicly announced their intentions.

I had a talk with Mr. Robinson a short while ago. He was willing to confirm QuikPak's bid but unwilling to speculate or reveal the identities of whatever bidders there might be. (I wasn't really expecting him to, but

these things are worth trying once.) Various rumors abound, of course, and have been given shreds of credibility by various Amiga luminaries. But if I've learned anything, it's not to put any stock in these things until someone is willing to face the music and own up to their actions, it's not worth worrying about. Mr. Hembach has set a goal of a purchase resolution by the end of February, but he has made no promise to that effect.

Meanwhile, the rest of Escom is being sold off. Notable in the outcome is the formation of "Commodore" in the Netherlands, by none other than our friend from the Commodore auction, Bernard "Ja, ja" van Tienen. Mr. van Tienen has formed a group which purchased Escom NL and a portion of Escom's properties, including the Commodore trade name for their PC clone line. Just a further indignity for the name which once stood for computing innovation.

As I survey the Amiga landscape, I see quite a bit that makes me proud. That so many have stuck with each other through difficult times is truly encouraging. We've had a good deal of help along the way from companies who recognize the market waiting to be amazed. And while everyone has been told they need to wait "just a bit longer", that saying applies even today.

Wait for what? That's the question, of course. The successor technologies seem to be moving along (PIOS, A/Box, etc.) and it seems reasonable to assume that the Amiga properties would likely only be valuable to someone who would make something productive out of them. (A reliable source indicated to me that a clearance warehouse put in a bid for the Amiga assets, but since their primary interest was the value of the merchandise, their bid was too low for Hembach and thus was rejected.) But unless you've got tens of millions of dollars, you will have to wait with the rest of us to see how this situation is resolved.

Until that happens, relax and enjoy this, the second issue of AR's fifth year of publication. As ever, we'll keep you up to date, and immediately release a special issue when we have confirmation of the Amiga's latest ownership destination.

-Jason

PS: comp.sys.amiga.announce finally has a new moderator (Thanks to Stuart Tomlinson!) which has certainly caused a large flow of news to Amiga Report. Things should settle back to normal as he gets caught up.

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1.13 Reader Mail

Reader Mail

From: "Rick L. Henderson" <tnp@mosquitonet.com>
Subject: Dec '96 Amiga Report

Hi Jason,

I am the president of the Interior Alaska User's Group and have been an Amigan since I excitedly bought my first A1000 right out of the delivery van in 1985. Since then I have owned almost evry model (mutant models notwithstanding), and some of the side trips such as CD32. I have been an active member in user groups since my C64 days before the 1985 awakening. I have worked as an Amiga repair technician for an Amiga only store, and for the past 6 years had my own Amiga only home business helping other Amigans with repair troubles and just general assistance. I have personally sung the praises of the Amiga throughout the years and have introduced many current Amiga owners to the machine (including a large chunk of our current User's Group which was all 8-bit until I landed up here in the great white north).

This information is given to you so that you have an idea that I'm not an Amiga virgin just bursting on the scene and then becoming disillusioned. I am an Amiga fanatic! I'm also the System Administrator for a large Novell 4.x network with a G6-200MHz machine on my desk and many "toys" to play with. To this day it amazes me how I can use all that power at work and still enjoy my Amiga at home (I do not own a Intel-based system at home).

The Amiga is simply the most elegant OS of all time! It has so many benefits over the MS-Sloth machines that it frustrates me to rantings that the rest of the world is blind to this fact (just ask some folks I work with;)). Unfortunately the Amiga is starting to feel the ravages of time. I'm writing this on a damn flickering screen Amiga 1200. So many things about the Amiga are really starting to drive me away from it and this makes me more mad.

The lack of closure to this bankruptcy thing has already cost the Amiga support of almost every major software company we had. Thank goodness for companies like Softwood, Oregon Research, etc... for sticking with us for so long. I'm genuinely afraid that if something doesn't get settled soon there may be no recovery.

I applaud the new systems like A/Box for trying to fix the problem, but unless the Amiga community declares the Amiga dead, the A/Box may just serve to split an already weak support structure. At this point, if the A/Box becomes a reality fairly soon, I'm ready to make the jump minus a compatible Amiga OS, as long as the same things that made the Amiga great are somewhat recreated...

Why did I write this? Just letting steam off I guess. I'm ready to move to a new system, but like others I don't want that new system to have a fruit on it, and an Unintel Inside system is not what I want either. I may have to work with them, but they can't make me own one!

So where does this leave me? Still waiting... and waiting... and waiting... It seems as though the light at the end of the tunnel is an oncoming train. Let's hope it's a train we can all get a ticket on, and not one that will drag us under as it goes by.

- The issue of fragmentation of the Amiga market by machines such as the A/Box, PIOS One, etc. is a very difficult one. There are some in the Amiga community who feel these machines should be embraced as legitimate parts of the Amiga's journey, and others who think they should be utterly verboten subjects in an Amiga publication such as this. Right now, AR is taking a "watch and see" approach to these machines--it is clear that these machines are in need of a user base of the caliber of the Amiga's--but then again, the Amiga needs that user base as well. Personally, their very existence is a heartening thing for me if for no other reason than it means there are still new ventures unafraid to stand up to the WinTel hegemony. Alternative Computing Now! -Jason

From: Fabrice MANSAT <fmansat@sgn-co.vn.DHL.COM>
Subject: Capital Punishment

Hi Jason!

I wanted to purchase Capital Punishment, but I won't be able to do it legally because of the violence and because of Demonia character.

I'm living in Vietnam and we shouldn't be more than 2 Amiga users here. So I must order everything by mail, and the customs check EVERYTHING!

This country has a new policy to fight against the social evils that include sex and violence.

I hope they can make other games that don't give so much trouble to be purchased. I know that this game won't be imported for nearly the same reason.

Cheers,

Fabrice

- Hmmm. Not much that can be done for Fabrice, unless someone knows how to smuggle small packages into Vietnam. It's really a shame since on the grand scale of things, Capital Punishment isn't that bad. -Jason

From: Jon Klooster <matix@netspace.net.au>

Hi there all,

Once again I am drawn to write to what seems to be the only magazine that captures the heart and soul of the Amiga spirit.

Right down to the 'Something in the way she moves..' (which is written somewhere when you buy an A2000 complete from the box, no screwdrivers required - first 2000 correct emails will get a smiley!)

Over and over I get subjected to pc's and their non-doorstop uses, and every so often I wonder if it would be worth my while to just get one instead of converting documents and spreadsheets to and from the formats 'they' use for my use at home.

But once I visualise setting 'them' up, and trying to use them and 'their' 100Mb help-systems which need online-help to use them, and not having a sub-15 second startup-sequence, and no more scripts to easily set up assigns for a game or complete programming environment, and the way 'their' installer programs drop their sh*t everywhere, and to use a certain game you have to modify your startup then reboot, then do the same to get your sys back when you've finished playing,.. And did I mention real multitasking, which 'they' almost manage to fake.

Sure they may be a bit faster on certain stuff, but I have at least a one minute head start every time I switch on my machine.

And that one minute for me is the bestest time in the whole world, because I know that there is not a single pc out there that can give me that minute, just the way my Amiga can..

- Well, other than liking to read a good compliment, I'll let this go without further comment. :) -Jason

From: MAX HEADROOM <rushmax@calweb.com>

Hello,

I just read about AR making a slow change to HTML. I don't mind the WWW but I also don't really use it a lot. I prefer AmigaGuide style of reading. For a few reasons. AG is easier to pull up, doesn't require the memory that HTML does (load in the Browser, then read), & AG most people prefer. I'm a Top Uploader on a few AMIGA boards here...I get stuff from Aminet & send to them. Many of those people aren't on the Net yet & some don't want to get on it at all. So if AG format it "killed" then it won't continue to reach everyone.

Just some thoughts from a dedicated reader. Thanks for AR, Jason, it's an excellent Mag. ;)

- We'll likely keep making an AmigaGuide version available, but the prospect of running multiple mailing lists is pretty daunting.
- Jason

From: "Lau W.Nielsen" <LWNielse@post6.tele.dk>

Hello Jason!

First, thanks to you and the rest of the staff for making such a great mag!

The first thing I would like everyone who reads this to do, is go pick up an old computer/electronics magazine. You know, the really old kind that you can bring to the toilet without having to buy a laptop. You should look for one that is dated somewhere around '85-'87.

Found one? Good, now start searching the pages for words like 'amazing', 'new' or 'fantastic'. When you find one of these words start looking at what it is that is described by those words. On one of the pages you will most likely find a mention of a new computer system that everybody wants. Yes, chances are that you will find the word 'Amiga' mentioned in the article you just found.

Now start reading. Read really careful. Read exactly what it is that is so incredible about this new thing.

Finished reading? Great, now write down everything that the article mentions as being new, innovative or just plain fantastic.

You should now have a list of some of the things that made me buy my computer. It was things that was impossible to do on any other computer at the time, things that were so new and innovative that today the others are still not completely up on the same level. Winslows 95 claims to be the worlds best operating system, and many people agree with that. Not because they are stupid, they just don't know any better. We know better. We can do things on our Amigas that they will never be able to do. Or so we thought. They, and all the competing systems are catching up, and they are getting closer each day. Still, they don't have things like ARexx, but that is maybe just because Bill Gates think that Winslows users are just to stupid to use such a great and useful system... or maybe he just haven't got the kind of vision that makes such things possible.

We have. We still have. That's what makes us stand out from the others. We can actually think for ourselves.

In the next century I want to be able to say the same thing, that I just said. I can think for myself. I can't say that, and then sit down and turn on my Intel-based machine, and wait 10 minutes for Windoze 2000 to boot. Instead I want to sit down and turn on a machine that represents my will to not be controlled by people who thinks they know what is best for me. I think many Amiga users feel the same way.

The name of the machine i want to use isn't really important. I don't care if it says 'Amiga' on the front. But I do care about the ideas behind the machine. The Amiga is the best machine I know of, the represents this idea.

We all know that it isn't doing too well these days, and if we want it to survive something has to happen soon. I know this has been said before, but it is getting more and more true each day. So where should it go? The most important thing is the question of custom chips or not. I want the computer to be able to do things the others can't do. Go back and look at the list you made earlier, that was what made it special. Standard chips will not be special, the others have them too. If we want a new computer (Amiga or not) as the successor of the current models, and we want it to be based on custom chips we have very few options. There is the AAA, the

3D-RISC and Phase5's A\BOX. AAA and 3D-RISC are not being worked on, not finished, and are already old. And I doubt if AAA would keep up with the new standard chips. So we have only one left: the A\BOX. If Phase5 can keep their promises about this computer, then it would instantly, the same day it is released, make everything else old, slow, expensive and obsolete, just like the A1000 did. It can do things the others simply can't do. And much cheaper. According to Phase5 they are working on this right now. Forget starting to develop a completely new chipset -we don't have the time.

In the last couple of years we have not seen much serious, expensive, kill-the-others type of development in the Amiga hardware field. And now, finally, someone does it. I support this 100%, and hope that you will do the same. We need something new that will take the Amiga a giant step in front of the others. If the A\BOX is realised, then I wonder if we really need the 'old' Amiga anymore.

The AT sale has already taken much too long, delaying the Amiga technology development for far too long, for it to make a serious comeback in its present form. A new 68K Amiga will be the death. It's simply too small today. Noone, except amigians, will buy a computer that runs a 50 MHz '060, when they can go down to the local PC store and buy a 200 Pentium for less. I am not pessimistic, though it may sound like that. The Amiga can make a comeback, but only if the A\BOX hits the market this year. I don't see any point in wasting more time discussing how to bring the 'real' Amiga back, it ain't going to happen, it is too late. But if anybody feels like proving me wrong, please do so, but do it NOW!

I wish all of you a good year, and I hope that this time next year we will all be using big powerfull PowerAmiga's.

Lau W. Nielsen, somewhere in Denmark.

1.14 Just Use It!

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During the past few years of turmoil, Amiga users and Amiga publications have become increasingly focused on the financial and technological status of the Amiga marketplace. What seems to be foremost in Amiga users' minds is concern over who will own the Amiga. Following closely behind is concern over software development and future technological improvements of the Amiga platform. Although I share an interest in these important issues, I feel that more attention needs to be paid to the reason people bought Amigas in the first place. To use them.

My motivation for writing this arises from my own increased use of my Amiga. For the past few years time pressure from work and university allowed me only limited opportunity to use my Amiga for the things I bought

it for. My computing activities have, for the most part been restricted to word processing and internet access. In 1996 this changed. During the past year I completed two projects for which my Amiga was not only well suited but actually had advantages over a Windows or Mac machine (although that's not the point - just an extra bonus). The first project was the creating of a computer based presentation and measuring system for my psychology honors project experiment. The second was the creation of a video project which my brother gave to his friends as a Christmas present. The success of these two projects has inspired me to start several new ones.

The increased use of my Amiga has also led me to reflect on my long experience with computers and why they fascinate me. My first exposure to computers came in elementary school with a Commodore PET. I was attracted to it instantly, even though all you could do with the machine was play games and program (more games of course). I also desperately wanted to own one. I couple of years later my parents bought me a Commodore 64 and entered the world of personal computing. Over the years I have read about or encountered people who have used their computers in many interesting ways. A small example of these uses include educational uses, various artistic projects, desktop video, control of household electrical appliances, live multimedia presentations, video projects, model train control, computer aided design (CAD), scientific calculations, medical imaging and astronomical telescope control. This list could be extended and elaborated on to an almost infinite degree.

The moral of this story is that the uses a computer can be put to is only limited by the creativity and skill of the person who uses the computer. The quality of a computer is a measure of its ability to allow users to achieve their goals. The best computer is the computer which is best used. For these reasons I urge Amiga users to share their experiences with the Amiga community. Do you use your Amiga for an unusual application? Is there so project you are particularly proud of? If so share your experiences with the rest of us. Demonstrate your techniques. Show how you overcame obstacles. Do you have unsolved problems? Maybe someone can help. There are many ways you can contribute your ideas and experiences. You can submit articles to Amiga Report or other publications. You can give demonstrations at local user groups. You can contribute to Usenet discussions. You can upload resources to the Aminet. You can set up a web page. By communicating your knowledge and experience you will inspire others to attempt new things. You will educate Amiga users to get more out of there machines. This can only be good for the Amiga. People who use their machines are more likely to purchase software and expand their machines. As long as Amigas are being used the Amiga will survive.

1.15 Getting Back To Our Roots

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Consider this a call to arms or at least a call back to our roots.

When the Amiga first launched it was the user group and developer community

that got it really moving. It's been the same ever since. Marketing was never Commodore's strength. The Amiga, to so many of us, is a cause and something worth being an evangelist about. The Macintosh has its evangelists, but that was part of a deliberate campaign by it's marketing people. Just read Guy Kawasaki's (the leader of Apples professional Mac evangelists) marketing books to learn about this. It's different with the Amiga - it's simply so cool that many users can't help but become evangelists for it. We're not part of that 90% Wintel crowd. It's hard for them to ally under a name. What can they say? Whee! We're Windows95Users!? We're Compac'ters!? (there's a nasty visual image) We're PC!? (sounds like they won't let their kids play Mortal Kombat) We've got the cool, friendly, name. We're Amigans!

I'm going to make some recommendations in this article. I've been around, played and worked with many operating systems, and seen how the other half (or 90%) lives. I've studied Guy's statements on getting people to become evangelists, I've seen how Team OS/2 worked for acceptance of OS/2 over Windows 95, and I've even seen a bit of how the Linux crowd works. So I'm going to steal all their ideas and throw in a few of my own and propose we do something!

The Show's the Thing!

These first ideas can be snapped up by Team Amiga members and User Groups everywhere.

When I was part of and (for six years) ran a user group we had a couple of goals. Help our members. Get more members. One of our tactics for getting more members was to take advantage of free/mostly free tables at every single local (or near local) computer event and show. Almost every show was really focused more on PCs and other computers - but we'd show up with our Amigas (generally at least four) and run music, graphics, and demos all day long for as long as the show lasted. Our focus was to show stuff that looked better on the Amiga.

This should be happening now. Team OS/2 does this, at least around here, all the time. Combining what we used to do in our user group and what I see Team OS/2 doing, I'll make the following recommendations for what you can do.

Get a table for every upcoming show. Get on the mailing lists so you know about these shows in advance.

Publicize on the internet, local bbs systems and local computer papers that the Amiga will be shown at these shows.

Organize who will staff your table(s) and who will bring equipment. Having a regular 'staff' within your group that handles these things helps make this easier for all. Try to bring the latest and greatest Amigas around. For historical purposes having an Amiga 1000 isn't a bad idea either. (show 'em the inside cover!)

Collect the video demo tapes and run these on a large monitor. My company, Nova Design, Inc., has a demo tape (free to dealers and user groups!) showing off our software. Many other companies offer the same thing. You can even find various Amiga based animators have demo tapes as well!

Keep a 'journal', or a looseleaf binder, with flyers and brochures from all vendors currently supporting the Amiga. Even companies that make things like printers and scanners that work on the Amiga should be included so people can see that connection to the Amiga. Call or write every Amiga supporting vendor regularly and get their latest literature.

If your club has demo copies of software, (and they should!) bring anything that's currently available and show it. Don't bring old copies of GraphicCraft and the like. People can't buy it, so if you're showing it, it's going to reinforce the Amiga is Dead fallacy. If you have old, unavailable, software on your systems you're using at the show, put their icons away during the show.

Feel free to show off Newicons, MUI, MagicWB and freeware/shareware things of that nature. Just be sure you point out that these packages are available on the internet or from your clubs software library.

Bring stacks of your clubs newsletters. Hey! You're promoting yourself too!

Be professional, be polite, let people visiting your table get some 'hands on' experience. You don't want to dress like IBM drones. No suits and ties here. Just don't dress like other job that day is to wash your car or dog!

Do be prepared to tell people where they can buy the Amiga and its software for it. If you don't have a local dealer, give them a list of mail order houses people in your club use and recommend.

Do this and you'll find yourself having fun and doing something effective to promote the Amiga!

See What's Developing!

It's been sometime since CATS (the old Commodore sponsored developers group) died. Many people forget that the first Amiga developers group was started by a grass roots effort by the developers directly! If my, occasionally faulty, memory has it right, Mike Halverson of Impulse, pushed the formation of the first Amiga developers group. We need someone in the developer community to do this again.

Why do we need a developers group? Well, it's much better than having Company X inventing a 'standard' and hoping everyone likes it - but Company Y doesn't and goes their own way. With a developer's group we could coordinate things, propose and agree on things like extensions to the IFF and ANIM standards (which need, respectively, 32-bit support and CMYK, new compression methods, sound and video interleaving, high color ANIM support and more). A developers group could also function as a registry of active developers and show programmers where to go (perhaps via a specific web site and a mailing list) for publishing direction and advice. There are many other things the developer group could do, I can't guess at half of them, so the quicker we can get this going again, the better!

If you're a developer and would like to jump in on this I've setup a mailing list you can join to chat with other developers. Email newdev-request@lists.best.com and put the word SUBSINGLE in the body of the

message. The subject, if you use one, will be ignored. If you need to unsubscribe later, email the same address with UNSUBSCRIBE in the body of the message.

I'd recommend even trying to get this started formally at the Gateway Amiga'97 show in St. Louis. Email me, kermit@novadesign.com, if you're interested. If I get enough responses, the nice folks with Amiga '97 will loan us some space and time.

Mongering Malfeasance Muted!

One goal we should all set for ourselves is to reduce newsgroup rumormongering and negative chatter about the Amiga. Platform wars should be, and are, embarrassing for everyone. If we can clean this sort of thing up, it will go a long way towards settling things down so we can do some serious business and have some fun too.

It's not hard to identify a potential rumor, flamewar and the like. If someone's news isn't prefaced by 'This was in the latest Magazine X', 'Quikpak announced this on their web site', or a similar authoritative, and verifiable source, then it's just a rumor. Respond by politely asking the poster to provide verification. In other words, 'Put up or shut up friend!'. It'll be easy to do and perhaps we can finally ignore the 'Amiga is dead' nonsense, ignore the attempts to invent news around who's buying the Amiga today, and just get back to enjoying ourselves.

Now, flamewars and platform wars are different beasts, but usually if someone's posts use frequent casual profanity or freely refer to others as 'Stupid', 'Idiot' or other hot button words designed to touch off a fight, then the best way to deal with them is to politely ignore them and/or recommend ignoring them. At most, reponse politely in a manner that suggests the matter is closed and not worth continuing with. Sadly, you'll find that one of the worst sources for this is going to be former Amiga owners. They've sold their Amiga, and now they're using a soulless Wintel box, so they're out to make you feel as bad as they do. A classic sour grapes scenario.

Who, What, Where, and When?

Don Hicks and Amazing put out a fantastic hardware and software guide for the Amiga. I'd like to propose that either one of the user groups, or companies, with a large Amiga internet web presence put up a well indexed web version that focuses on companies that are no longer focusing on their Amiga product line, but still have a warehouse full of their old Amiga products to sell. It should have listings by category, title and company. Include address, telephone, email, web addresses and product information breakdowns. A perfect example of this is The Toaster tally light from Dynamic Realities (originally sold under a different company name). They still have 'em, but they don't advertise 'em. Grab some old magazines, track some companies down, and list them! This be a guaranteed draw to the web site that hosts it.

Other Neat Ideas

I will be writing again in the future about some other ideas, like how to

coordinate and create wild, cool, new enhancements to AmigaDOS by approaching the task as a set of small, achievable, steps that can be done by as many people that would like to be involved. This project won't require a lot of management overhead and complements other AmigaDOS efforts nicely. It will need it's own web and ftp site, some feedback from the Amiga community, and any number of programmers interested in implementing interesting new ideas in software for themselves and others. The best thing about it is that so many artists and programmers have already done much of this - the real goal will be the establishment of the web and ftp site to organize these efforts under one, dedicated, 'roof'.

One of my favorite new Amiga ideas is the Siamese system. Check it out at; <http://www.hiq.co.uk>

Ideas II - Who am I?

By way of closing let's play a game. You might remember, or have heard, of this old game referenced above. Let's play it...

I'm a small, stylish, 68000 based computer that comes with an advanced multitasking operating system that uses a graphical user interface environment that requires less than 128k RAM to run it and can still load lots of applications. With no aggressive company advertising I've still managed to developed an evangelistic following that has left the Windows based competition looking bloated and sluggish. After release I've gathered a strong presence on the internet as well. What computer am I?

The Pilot. A palm, ie: handheld, computer from US Robotics. A company mostly known for it's modems. It weighs about 5.5oz, yes 5.5 ounces!, that runs on a Motorola 'Dragonball' processor which is based on a 16mhz 68000 series processor. The whole thing fits in your shirt pocket, has 'handwriting' recognition to let you enter information with its pen, comes with software for itself and your PC or Mac computer that allows you to maintain records on both systems that are sychronized at the touch of a single button on the Pilots cradle. Recently one of the Pilot faithful created a Linux application to sync the Pilot under Linux. Could an Amiga port of this software be far behind?

For more info on the Pilot start at; <http://www.usr.com/palm> or; <http://the-tech.mit.edu/Pilot/> or prehaps; <http://pilot.org/> as well.

(FYI: the 'Windows based competition' referenced above are the Windows CE palmtops. They feature a keyboard that's impossibly tiny (it's palm sized with rubber buttons) and it uses a pen - but only as a mouse. Their OS is still bloated, slow, and IMHO it's unnecessary.)

TTFN

That's all for this article. Email me if you have any suggestions, directions, or comments on anything above. Watch for my next article in the near future! Ta ta for now!

1.16 Amiga Online Magazine

Dear Sirs and Ladies,

A new Online Magazine was born on the Internet in January 1997. This magazine is publicly available.

Name: Amiga Online Magazine

URL: <http://www.adac-com.com/amiga/index.html>

Immediately after the post of the edition of february (2), more than 3000 connections were logged. In a few days, some articles will be translated in different languages. Our readers come from France, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, England, USA, Germany, Spain, Luxemburg and Brasil.

Thanks for your visit.

see you soon in an Email.

You can spread information all around you...

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1.17 PPaint 7 Overcomes Chip Ram

CLOANTO'S PERSONAL PAINT 7 BREAKS AMIGA CHIP RAM BARRIER

With the release of the new CPU blitting module just made available on Aminet (biz/cloan/PBlit_68K.lha), Personal Paint 7 becomes the first Amiga program to actively exploit the full functionality of both the Graphics library and the Amiga blitter applied to bitmaps stored in Fast RAM.

Normally, two crucial parts of the Amiga system require bitmap data to be stored in Chip RAM: the original (Agnus) blitter chip, and the Graphics library. Personal Paint uses both, which until now meant that it had to store in Chip RAM at least the bitmaps currently being manipulated. Thanks to its modular design, Personal Paint 7 already implemented a "virtual blitter" which optionally used the CPU instead of the Agnus chip. The module just released extends this capability by implementing a faster 32-bit blitter (the Amiga blitter works in 16 bits).

The complete detachment from Chip RAM became possible when the developers of the famous CyberGraphX system completed the replacement of 100% of the original Amiga graphics.library with corresponding functions that can work on Fast RAM. This code is implemented in CyberGraphX version 40.100 and higher, which has just been released. After many sleepless nights of Cloanto's programmers, in cooperation with the CyberGraphX team, Personal Paint 7 becomes the first Amiga software to automatically detect and exploit this condition.

We would like to take this opportunity to praise the developers of CyberGraphX for achieving this difficult objective. CyberGraphX "clones", like earlier versions of the original CyberGraphX (and the original Amiga libraries), still require bitmaps to be in Chip RAM in order to be processed by certain functions of the Graphics library. (Personal Paint 7 is not "confused" by CyberGraphX clones that do not provide equivalent

capabilities.)

The efforts of the CyberGraphX and Cloanto programmers have finally made a dream come true for many Amiga users who had plenty of Fast RAM but never enough Chip RAM.

For additional information please visit the Cloanto web site at <<http://www.cloanto.com>>.

1.18 Cloanto Software Support On Internet

CLOANTO AMIGA SOFTWARE SUPPORT ON INTERNET AND AMINET

Cloanto has completed new Amiga software support sections on its web site (<http://www.cloanto.com/amiga/>) and on Aminet ([biz/cloan](http://www Aminet.com/biz/cloan)).

The Cloanto Web Workbench, which continues to surprise many users with its familiar look and feel, contains software, documentation and other support material for popular Cloanto packages like Personal Paint. The Cloanto web site is hosted on a fully redundant server with multiple T3 and T1 links to the Internet. This, combined with the carefully thought-out graphics, ensures smooth and fast connections to the site.

At the same time, Cloanto is proud to announce that Aminet, one of the world's largest and best-organized online archives of software, now hosts Cloanto software and support files in the "biz/cloan" directory. Through dozens of Aminet mirrors worldwide, and the Aminet CD-ROM editions, millions of users of Cloanto software will have better access to important and useful files such as:

- Scripts and macros
- Input/output modules
- User interface language files
- Fixes and enhancements to released versions
- Demonstration versions of software
- Artwork and sample screens
- Developer documentation
- User contributions

For additional information please visit the Cloanto web site at <<http://www.cloanto.com>>.

1.19 Authored On Amiga

Authored On Amiga

jdleik@voyager.net has founded an "Authored on Amiga" site in the same vein as the "Made on Macintosh" websites, to catalog all of the sites on the net which were created entirely on Amigas.

Check it out at <http://www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/9636/authored.html>.

1.20 Wildfire

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Wildfire

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DESCRIPTION

Wildfire is not only another brandnew image-processing-program - it's a professional animation-processor with some really new concepts.

It allows you for example the creation and processing of animations in several formats, the generation of time-dependant special-effects and the design of large projects containing several animations and frame-synchronized sound-effects.

Because the common animation-formats on the Amiga have too many lacks or restrictions we have tried to create a better one: YAFA. This animation-format for example features many compression-methods and realtime-zooming.

One of the outstanding features of Wildfire is the fact that it makes for you no difference if you apply changes to a whole animation or if you process only one image. A single image is only a very special case of an animation.

In contrary to common image-processors you can use envelopes instead of plain numbers as effect-parameters. This makes the easy creation of time-dependant special-effects possible. So you haven't to fight against the "do"-loops in an ARexx-script to get an animation outside your image-processor anymore.

All of the numerous effects can be arranged in any number and combination. Because the output of any of these effects can be one of the 8 temporary-buffers Wildfire allows you to PROGRAM IMAGES in an comfortable way!

Main Features:

- fast and comfortable Converter:
 - input: YAFA, ANIM5/7/8, mpeg, image-sequences
 - output: YAFA, ANIM5/7/8, image-sequences
- Preview for almost any operation
- Project-Editor which allows the creation of large and complicated

- projects easily using the mouse
- Effect-Generator featuring time-dependant parameters via envelopes
- a stunning library of effect-PlugIns
- some really new effects, real 3D-effects
- (un)loading of PlugIns at any time
- Envelope-Editor
- Timecodes-Editor
- Transition-Maker for easy creation of transitions between two animations
- easy-to-use Player-interface
- Filmstrips to simplify the perfect timing of huge projects
- AnimInfo-function displaying size-profiles etc.
- fontsensitive GUI without MUI
- internal gadget-toolbox which handles mathematical expressions instead of only plain numbers
- calculator which allows for example the export of user-defined symbols to the gadgets in the whole-program
- Drag&Go (using drag.gadget 0.2 Copyright © 1996 Jörg Kollmann, see bonus drawer!)
- ARexx-port with about 400 commands
- macros, custom-windows, docks
- import of images from other programs
- Developer-Kit (with working example) which allows you to create your own effect-PlugIns
- and many more

Requirements:

Hardware

- MC68020 or higher
- AGA chipset
- 2 MB Fast
- recommended: FastRAM, HardDisk

Software

- AmigaOS V39 (3.0) or higher

AVAILABILITY

Available via FTP from Aminet sites.
ftp://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/gfx/edit/

PRICE

The unregistered version is fully functional, but will eat some memory and so you can work only for a limited time.

Registration fee is 50 DM or 40 US-\$.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

ShareWare
Unregistered copies are freely distributable.

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1.21 Amiga Informer News

Hello,

Just a note to remind anyone interested that now is a good time to send in your product announcements, press releases and advertisement requests to The Amiga Informer.

Our next issue (#7) will be available in early April. Space in The Informer is limited. If you have an announcement you would like printed, get it to us as soon as possible to assure it's inclusion. As always, we will include all submissions on a first come, first served basis. All submissions should be submitted by Email if at all possible.

In addition, those who are interested in advertising their product in The Informer should contact us with your commitment. You will need to reserve your ad space early because we sell out quickly and space availability is again limited.

If you have any questions about advertising requirements, announcements or any other inquiries, please contact us. We will be glad to help.

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1.22 NewTekniques Subscriptions

Date: January 24, 1997
From: Joe Tracy, NewTekniques Editor in Chief
Concerning: NewTekniques Subscription Information

Great news! The subscription information for NewTekniques magazine is here. You'll find the information below. There's more great news too! It has officially been confirmed that beginning in 1998 NewTekniques will be published every other month instead of quarterly! I was very pleased to hear that in my phone conversation with Advanstar this morning. And if that wasn't enough, there's still another bit of good news! A special NewTek limited edition item is going to be sent to every person who subscribes to NewTekniques magazine within the next six months. No, it's not a T-shirt, mug, poster or self-publicity item. It is something usable for you. Details on this item cannot be released until NAB (early April). Everyone who signs up now, however, will automatically receive it.

Here's the information to get your subscription:

Price: \$32 (covers you through 1998)
Issues: 9 total (3 in 1997 and 6 in 1998)
Cover Price: \$6.95 per issue
Your Savings: 49%

Phone Number: 1-800-346-0085
Payment Methods: Visa, MasterCard, American Express

You can also mail a check or money order to NewTekniques Magazine, ATT: Subscription Department, 131 West First Street, Deuluth, MN 55802-2065.

NewTekniques is an independent publication of Advanstar that is created in close association with NewTek to give users the best and most reliable information, news, and tutorials on NewTek products. From the Flyer to LightWave 3D, NewTekniques is filled with tutorials, tips, reviews and techniques to take your productions and animations to the next level. NewTekniques will also keep you posted on new NewTek product introductions, as they occur, which will also receive coverage in NewTekniques magazine.

The \$32 covers all of 1997 (3 issues) and all of 1998 (6 issues). It is a special charter subscription price and a 49% savings over what the newsstand price will be.

For more information on NewTekniques magazine e-mail me via jtracy@main.rosenet.net with your questions or sign up to be included on the NewTekniques Information List by asking to be included. The NewTekniques Information List periodically receives special behind-the-scenes information on NewTekniques magazine.

Sincerely,

Joe Tracy, Editor in Chief
NewTekniques

former Video Toaster User Editor in Chief

1.23 Uropa² Goes Commercial

Austex Software, the developers of Uropa² - "The Ulterior Colony", are pleased to announce that the game will now be published commercial.

The game was originally released as a 'Shareware/Registration' onto Aminet at the end of 1996 as we thought this was the cheapest way to offer the game to Amiga game players and show our support of the Amiga community.

After recent discussions with Vulcan Software Limited we have realised that having software commercially Published provides greater support to the Amiga community in general. In this manner we are providing support to other commercial enterprises such as Amiga Magazines, Amiga retailers and Amiga distributors. This of course helps keep the Amiga market alive.

The game will be added to Vulcans MiniSeries range which delivers high quality commercial software at a lower price to the purchaser. Uropa² will undergo some slight modifications and enhancements and soon be available in Amiga retail stores around the world and via mail order from Vulcan Software Limited.

As Uropa² is no longer available as a shareware product we ask those that have seen the game and intend to register to please now purchase the commercial product through Vulcan Software Limited when it is released. You can keep up to date with it's progress from the Vulcan Software Web page at <http://www.vulcan.co.uk>

Austex Software would like to thank those people who have supported us so far by way of registrations and by the many email letters of compliments we have received.

We remain committed to the Amiga computer while there are still people using it and advocating for it.

Paul Goulding & Stephen Smith
Austex Software.

1.24 Voyager-NG Prerelease

"Today is V Day"

Voyager-NG WWW browser prerelease
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*** The next generation of Amiga Web browser has arrived ***

This is a preliminary release which brings this fantastic new Web browser to the Amiga community and allows Voyager-NG to benefit from the largest testing base possible. With your help Voyager-NG can be rendered faultless on the largest possible range of Amiga set-ups.

Due to the above, Voyager is currently updated frequently.

To obtain the archive

via WWW: <http://www.vapor.com/voyager/>
via FTP: <ftp.vapor.com>, [/pub/voyager/](ftp.uk.vapor.com)
<ftp.uk.vapor.com>, [/pub/voyager/](ftp.uk.vapor.com) ***
via EMail: mail to <fileserv@vapor.com>
put "SEND VOYAGER" in the mail body

*** Please try this site, main Vapor site is under considerable load.

The full archive in LZX is 612 kbytes in size.

Updates will appear there regularly. Updates are also announced on the Voyager mailing list. If you are not on it yet, you are encouraged to subscribe. Mail to <voyager-request@vapor.com> and put "ADD" in the body of the mail. Put "HELP" there to obtain a complete description on how to use the mail server. The mailing list is also a good place to discuss enhancement suggestions.

Major changes to Voyager since Version 1.0:

Supports Frames as introduced by Netscape 2.x

Uses internal image decoding routines. Visually incremental on-the-fly image decoding, leaving the program operational during decode. No more hassle with datatypes related bugs. Optimized memory usage. The routines are optimized for speed and are very fast. Full support of CyberGFX HiColor/TrueColor screens and compatibles.

Supports HTML tables. Many more HTML commands and Netscapism's are understood (including FONT SIZE and HR WIDTH). Improved general compatibility with broken and nonstandard HTML code.

Supports versatile plugin interface for third-party extensions to the browser.

Shipped with a handy split-screen web search engine plugin.

Supports T/TCP "TCP for Transactions" requests, allowing for much faster establishment of HTTP links to servers. This is currently supported by Miami 1.9.x beta versions only. Specified in RFC 1644, as far as we know, Voyager is the first browser on any platform to support this!

Totally reworked preference setting. The transfer anim is now configurable, too.

New so-called 'local' menus which pop up over links and images offering options such as opening in new window, copying URL to clipboard, downloading to disk or adding URL to bookmarks. Local menus also function for Frames by offering full window viewing, saving Frame and viewing Frame source.

Supports Shift & Click downloading of files even from

servers with broken configuration which state that binary data is of type "text/plain". This happens frequently with .lha and .lzx files, because these suffixes are missing in many http server example mime.types files.

Added internal SMTP (E-mail) send capability. Now also supports mailto: links and mailto: Forms.

Improved news handling.

'LED' transfer status display additionally shows stalled transfers. (Well I thought it was neat)

Many minor enhancements, and of course All The Popular Bugs were fixed, too.

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* Vaporware Announcement list          *
* WWW: http://www.vapor.com/support/   *
* Listserver help: <petidomo@vapor.com> *
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1.25 fMSX Amiga 1.2

TITLE

fMSX Amiga 1.2

AUTHOR

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DESCRIPTION

fMSX Amiga emulates an MSX computer on an Amiga. Features include:

- Full emulation of the MSX1 system.
- Partial emulation of the MSX2 system (to be expanded in the future).
- Support for reading/writing MSX disks and disk images.
- Support for the PSG and SCC sound chips.
- Support for MSX memory sizes of up to 4Mb.

'MSX' is an 8-bit computer system with surprisingly good graphics and sound capabilities.

In fact, some MSX games are on par with Amiga games when it comes to graphics and playability! Several MSX pictures have been uploaded to Aminet (pix/illu/msx_pictures.lha).

Software is not included with the package, but many packages (mostly games) can be found on FTP sites:

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ftp://ftp.saitama-u.ac.jp/pub/msx/
ftp://altair.komkon.com/pub/MSX/

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<ftp://ftp.funet.fi/pub/msx/>
<ftp://riaph.irkutsk.su/pub/>

Hundreds of games are available from these sites, and some form a worthy addition to the Amiga software collection.

Of course fMSX Amiga is fully multitasking, runs in an intuition screen, and has a font-sensitive user interface.

NEW FEATURES

In this version yet another screenmode is added to fMSX'es growing arsenal: screen 8, the 256-color screen. It is emulated using EHB on ECS machines.

Support was added for using diskimages without the help of an external device such as `fmsdisk.device`. These diskimages can be changed on the fly, allowing easy access to MSX disks stored on the Amiga harddisk.

Finally, the MSX screen can be forced to remain at a specific depth. This is achieved using 'childscreens', an OS 3.0 feature. This should alleviate the problem of the MSX screen popping to the front whenever some screen attribute changes.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Required are:

- AmigaOS 2.0
- 68020 processor
- 350 kilobytes chip ram
- 1000 kilobytes other ram

Recommended:

- AmigaOS 3.0
- 68030 processor, at least 25MHz
- Those 1000 kilobytes of 'other' ram had better be fast ram!

Note that fMSX Amiga does *not* require the AGA chipset. In fact it runs on any chipset upto and including graphics cards!

AVAILABILITY

fMSX Amiga 1.2 is available from any Aminet site, such as:

ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/misc/emu/fmsx_1.2.lha

PRICE

It's free.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

fMSX Amiga 1.2 is publically supported freeware. If you are interested in the source, and you're not afraid of function

pointers and huge amounts of assembly intermixed with C, you can request it from me.

If someone wants to do a special version (and I can think of several possibilities, such as a version that uses the MMU for optimized Z80 emulation, or a version that has been optimized for the CyberGfx system), contact me.

1.26 Nova Design Demo Tape

ImageFX and Aladdin 4D Demo Tape Now Shipping!

For Immediate Release

Contact: Bob Fisher
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804-282-5868

Richmond, VA - Tuesday, January 28, 1997. Nova Design, Inc. announced that it's video demo tape for it's ImageFX and Aladdin 4D products is now shipping. This tape features exciting footage from videos and films using ImageFX and Aladdin 4D and shows the power and the possibilities in these two packages. Other segments of the tape feature specially commissioned sequences showing off all the newest features of ImageFX. You'll see animated fires, blue screen composites, lightning, distorts, morphs, liquid effects and much more!

This demo tape is excellent for user group meetings, store demos, shows and much more!

Dealers and User Groups

The video tape is free to all Amiga dealers, Video Toaster/Flyer dealers, or stores carrying Amiga software. All Amiga user groups are also welcome to a free ImageFX video tape. The tape may be freely copied and given away to anyone. Dealers should call to order a copy of the tape. User groups may get a copy of the demo tape by contacting Nova Design, Inc. and then putting Nova on their subscriber list for their newsletter.

We also have full color product sales sheets and full color reprints of ImageFX reviews freely available in quantity for dealers and stores as well.

Did You Say Free?!

Yes! This tape is being made available for free to all Amiga dealers and User Groups. Dealers may also request additional promotional literature. User groups must supply Nova with their newsletter. All dealers and user groups must call our dealer sales line at (804) 282-5868 Monday through Friday between 1pm and 5pm eastern time.

Others wishing a copy can get one for \$10, \$5 more if shipping outside the continental US, that covers our manufacturing costs and shipping charges. Those interested in ordering their own copy MUST call 1-800-IMAGE-69, or (804) 282-1157, Monday through Friday between 1pm and 4pm eastern time, to place their order.

ImageFX, and Aladdin 4D are trademarks of Nova Design, Inc. All other trademarks are held by their respective owners.

[The Nova Design demo tape was created entirely using Amiga technology, by The Vantage Point video production firm. TVP can be found at <http://www.xnet.com/~bohus>. -Jason]

1.27 Nova Design New Address

Nova Design, Inc.'s New Address (small change)
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Richmond, VA - January 28, 1997. As part of an acquisition of new office space, Nova Design, Inc.'s primary mailing and shipping address has changed suite numbers. Please alert your personnel of this change and be sure that all your databases reflect the new address. All telephone numbers, internet and email addresses, remain the same. The new number is Suite 204, the complete new address is:

Nova Design, Inc.
1910 Byrd Avenue, Suite 204
Richmond, VA 23230
USA

Our World Wide Web (WWW) site can still be reached at the following URL (Universal Resource Locator):
<http://www.novadesign.com>

Our File Transfer (FTP) site can still be reached at the following URL (Universal Resource Locator):
<ftp://ftp.novadesign.com>

Email Addresses

If you have additional questions or information you may use the following email addresses to reach Nova Design, Inc. personnel if you desire.

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Kermit Woodall: kermit@novadesign.com
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1.28 Frodo v4.0

TITLE

Frodo

VERSION

4.0

AUTHOR

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DESCRIPTION

Frodo V4.0 is a free, portable C64 emulator for BeOS, Unix, MacOS and AmigaOS systems.

This emulator focuses on the exact reproduction of special graphical effects possible on the C64, and has therefore relatively high system requirements. It should only be run on systems with at least a PowerPC/Pentium/68060.

Frodo is capable of running most games and demos correctly, even those with FLI, FLD, DYCP, open borders, multiplexed sprites, timing dependent decoders, fast loaders etc.

Some small demo programs and the full source code in C++ are included in the archive.

Some of the emulation's features:

- 6510 emulation: All undocumented opcodes, 100% correct decimal mode, instruction/cycle exact emulation.
- VIC emulation: Line-/cycle-based emulation, all display modes, sprites with collisions/priorities, DMA cycles, open borders, all \$d011/\$d016 effects.
- SID emulation: Real-time digital emulation (16 bit, 44.1kHz), including filters (only under BeOS, Linux, HP-UX, MacOS and AmigaOS).
- 1541 emulation: Drive simulation in directories, .d64/x64 or .t64/LYNX files, or processor-level 1541 emulation that works with about 95% of all fast loaders and even some copy protection schemes.
- Other peripherals: Keyboard and joystick (real joysticks (only under BeOS, Linux and AmigaOS) or keyboard emulation).
- Frodo is freeware. Why pay >\$40 for a C64 emulator?

The most important changes from V3.1:

- C64 ROMs included (with extended Kernal ROM)
 - Frodo SC, the single-cycle emulation
 - Compatibility of processor-level 1541 emulation greatly improved
 - SID emulation can play sampled sounds
 - New keyboard shortcuts for toggling the speed limiter and the full 1541 emulation
 - Full-screen mode (BeOS)
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- Autoconf script (Unix)
- Ported to MacOS and AmigaOS

HARDWARE SUPPORTED

- BeBox or PowerMac with BeOS DR8
- Unix systems with X11R6 or Linux/SVGAlib (Tcl/Tk 4.1 recommended)
- 68k or PPC Macintosh with System 7.5
- Amiga/DraCo with 68040/68060, AmigaOS 3.0 and a graphics card

AVAILABILITY

Source distribution:

http://www.uni-mainz.de/~bauec002/FrodoV4_0.Src.tar.gz

Binary distribution for BeOS:

http://www.uni-mainz.de/~bauec002/FrodoV4_0.Be.tar.gz

Binary distribution for AmigaOS:

http://www.uni-mainz.de/~bauec002/FrodoV4_0.Amiga.lha

Alternative site:

<http://www.funet.fi/pub/cbm/crossplatform/emulators/Frodo/>

HOMEPAGE

<http://www.uni-mainz.de/~bauec002/FRMain.html>

STATUS

Freeware

DISTRIBUTABILITY

Freely distributable

1.29 WormsDC News

Worms Director's Cut News from Andy Davidson

WormsDC missed xmas because of a few things - problems with the game on 2meg 1200s being one of them, the game was just too tight on memory for some set-ups. It should now be out at the beginning of March. The finished demo will be on T17/Aminet soon as well =)

There are no coloured names in WormsDC because I didn't want to limit the palette for the foreground, and the sprites are being used for other things. But there is now an option in the game to add the Team number or initial to the front of the worm names to help with identifying them - thanks to JamesBart on #amiga for that idea, simple but works =)

And as for the bloody zoom!! ;) Because Amiga Worms uses hardware scrolling and copper tricks all over the place, it would be a lot of hassle to implement a zoom, and it just isn't worth it. Anyway, you've now got an extra layer of mountains, quarter-pixel scrolling (even in the

parallax), 325 colours on screen and old women that explode!! ... what more could you want!! :D

<insert demands for TCP here> ;)

Andy Davidson
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1.30 amiSpider Search Engine

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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amiCrawler Announces Amiga Search Engine

February 10, 1997 - amicrawler.com announced today new features in its full text, multilingual search engine. amiSpider allows Amiga users to search every word on over 3,000 Amiga web pages.

According to David Tiberio, amiCrawler's programmer and webmaster, the main features of amiSpider are the ease of submitting a site, and its numerous multilingual capabilities, besides being able to index and find words on any page submitted. Using an advanced scoring system, amiSpider displays results based upon relevancy.

Here are many of the new features added to amiSpider this February, as well as its previous features:

- Multilingual interface, choosing the default language for the user by detecting which country he is in. For example, a visitor from Sweden will see an interface in Swedish, including graphics tailored for Swedish visitors. Web sites from Sweden will have higher relevancy, so searching for "user group" will show Swedish user groups before groups in other countries.
 - Search for more than 3,000 Amiga web sites. With amiSpider you will be searching every word on every Amiga page in the database.
 - Intelligent queries allow more than simplistic "and/or" searches. amiSpider permits queries such as "format my hard drive", "lemmings cheats", and "browser plugins". Searching for "newtek" will bring up newtek.com first, and searching for "scala" will bring up "scala.com" first.
 - Results are displayed in a logical, easy to use page, with a maximum of 10 matches per page, including descriptions. Support is available for <META> tag descriptions.
 - View the most popularly searched sites from our Top 20 list, and view the sites which have breaking news. We search the web every day using our spiders, and display which news sites have updated information, so that you can find them all in one convenient place.
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- Easy site submission; just provide us with your url and your page will be indexed immediately. You can view how your page will appear and even check its progress in the queue. Also, we have very liberal submission policies. Any page that has Amiga specific information is accepted, including personal home pages of Amiga users. Pages are queued and can be viewed by visitors instantly.
- Free banner advertising for any Amiga web site, simply by joining the Amiga Web Network, our cooperative advertising network. You can have your banner appear on sites such as omnipresence.com and amicrawler.com!
- Targetted banner advertising, based on user's browser type, operating system type, and geographic location, allowing advertisers to make sure that the people who want to see the ads are seeing them. There is no reason for a small dealer to advertise to another continent when he could be reaching people within his own country, or to display banner ads to people who can't read them.
- Free reciprical link exchange program, by joining our new amiCrawler Partners Program. We are now compensating Amiga webmasters for promoting our site by providing reciprical links on our "COOL SITES" page. This allows you to receive free promotion for your site simply by linking to the Partners Program page.

David Tiberio
<http://www.amicrawler.com>

1.31 Fairy Point/M 2.0-#103

TITLE

Fairy Point/M 2.0-#103

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DESCRIPTION

(A point program handles the transfer, reading and writing of email and news. Janus is one way to transfer email and news and is very popular in Germany.)

Another Janus point program for the Amiga. It was designed to be easy to use by not overloading it with thousands of features that hardly anybody uses.

The concept is a bit different from that found in other Janus point

programs as it shows the newsgroups list, the contents of the current newsgroup and the text of the current message at once (each of them in a separate window) and not one after the other.

At present the program is only available in a German version!

Please keep in mind that this is one of the first Janus versions of this program. ARexx integration into the GUI and a killfile were omitted for now in favor of more debugging and a better GUI. They will be available later.

If you have more questions send them to: fp-info@semyam.dinoco.de

NEW FEATURES

Since 2.0-#100:

- ARexx command set.
- Command line parameters PUBSCREEN and STARTUP.
- Important bug fixes.
- Improved implementation of ANTWORT-AN and DISKUSSION-IN.

From older versions to 2.0-#100:

- Significant changes to the GUI.
- Tree display for the messages.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- a Harddisk is highly recommended
- a Modem with AT command set
- about 1.5 MByte of free RAM
- AmigaOS 2.04 or newer
- AmigaGuide is highly recommended for reading the documentation
- xprzmodem.library 2.10 or newer

AVAILABILITY

Available on Aminet servers; for example:

<ftp://ftp.uni-paderborn.de/pub/aminet/comm/misc/FPointM.lha> (173613)

For information how to get it from a German BBS ask the author.

PRICE

For details read FPointM.REG contained in the archive.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

This Program is Copyright (C) 1991-1996 by Stefan Eggert.

The unmodified archive may be freely distributed provided that there are no surcharges for downloading it from a BBS, not more than DM 5,- gets charged for a copy on disk and that this version does not get on a CD-ROM.

1.32 Mail Manager v1.21

TITLE

Mail Manager

VERSION

Version 1.21 (10-Aug-96)

AUTHOR

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Amiganet: 39:102/10.0@amiganet

DESCRIPTION

Mail Manager is a Full Integrated Tosser/Scanner/Editor/Tick Processor for Fidonet Technology compatible networks. It perfectly supports Internet's E-Mails, Mailing Lists and Newsgroups (with the addition of a Gate program).

Mail Manager...

- ... is able to manage both a Point or a Node in Fidonet Technology.
- ... is able to manage Tick Files.
- ... is able to manage Echo File Attached.
- ... is able to automatically create new Echo Areas.
- ... is able to manage 4 different types of message bases.
- ... is able to manage 3 different types of Mail Packets.
- ... is able to use full 5 dimensional addressing.
- ... has a powerful ARexx interface.
- ... has a powerful OnLine Help.
- ... has a powerful Threads management.
- ... has a powerful NetMail Routing management.
- ... has a powerful support for UUCP gates.
- ... has incredibly powerful Search/Sort/Show functions.
- ... has powerful Quoting routines.
- ... supports multiple character sets.
- ... supports the Nodelist and the Userlist.
- ... uses fast Memory Pools functions.
- ... uses fast asynchronous I/O functions.
- ... is a MUI Application !!!!
- ... is fully localized (Kickstart 2.1 or higher).
- ... is Faaaaaaaaast.
- ... is easy to configure.
- ... has many many other features !

NEW FEATURES

- Improved the support for E-Mails, Mailing Lists and Newsgroups.
 - Several minor bug fixes.
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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Mail Manager has only a few requirements to work properly:

- Kickstart 2.04 or higher
- MUI 2.0 or higher
- a 68020 processor or faster is recommended

AVAILABILITY

Any Aminet site, such as ftp.wustl.edu or ftp.luth.se in the pub/aminet/comm/mmgr directory:

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ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/comm/mmgr/mmgr.lha      (712491)
                                     mmgr-030.lha      (711609)
```

PRICE

Shareware:

The registration fee for Mail Manager is:

| | Point Only | Full Node |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| Itrl Lire | 50000 (35000) | 100000 (85000) |
| DM | 50 (35) | 100 (85) |
| US \$ | 35 (25) | 70 (60) |
| UK £ | 23 (15) | 46 (38) |

The registration fee for Mail Manager together with MUI is:

| | Point Only | Full Node |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| Itrl Lire | 78000 (63000) | 128000 (113000) |
| DM | 73 (58) | 123 (108) |
| US \$ | 52 (42) | 87 (77) |
| UK £ | 34 (26) | 57 (49) |

The fee between brackets is reserved only to Registered Users of Point Manager (the "predecessor" of Mail Manager) v3.10 and higher.

DISTRIBUTION

Freely distributable via CD, disk, FTP, or any other form (if NO charge is asked for, except for the media) when the original distribution archive(s) are kept intact.

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Mail Manager Development      Internet: aliberti@mbx.vol.it
Via delle Fontanelle, snc     Fidonet : 2:335/602.2@fidonet
67016 Paganica (AQ) ITALY    Amiganet: 39:102/10.0@amiganet
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1.33 AmiWeb2c 2.0

TITLE

AmiWeb2c 2.0

AUTHOR

AmiWeb2c 2.0 was created by Andreas Scherer on the basis of Karl Berry's Web2c 7.0 who collected stuff from Donald E. Knuth, Oren Patashnik, Tomas G. Rokicki, John D. Hobby, and others.

Please report bugs to the maintainer of AmiWeb2c and not to these other people, who can't be of any help with the Amiga (well, except for Tomas Rokicki of course, who started the whole thing in the first place :-)

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DESCRIPTION

AmiWeb2c 2.0 is the native Amiga port of the complete Web2c 7.0 system of UNIX-TeX (except for the xdvi previewer). Detailed information is provided in the archive and from common TeX resources like the CTAN (see below). As a starter you may want to check out <http://www.tug.org>.

NEW FEATURES

AmiWeb2c 2.0 is the successor of my AmiWeb2C (note the capital C) released in May 1995. Virtually everything is new and reworked.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

I made no attempt in changing the internal settings of any programs of Web2c 7.0, so you'll need quite a lot of system resources to run AmiWeb2c 2.0. Although the binaries can be run on any processor starting with the 68000, use of an accelerator board is highly recommended. At least 4 MB of RAM are required for the large programs to run. I never tried any part of AmiWeb2c 2.0 on version 1.3 of the operating system.

AVAILABILITY

The major resource for TeXnical material is the so-called CTAN. For me this is <ftp://ftp.dante.de> (Germany). More information about this service is available there.

AmiWeb2c 2.0 will be located in the directory

<ftp://ftp.dante.de/tex-archive/systems/amiga/amiweb2c>

The same distribution is available on the Aminet in the

text/tex/ directory.

PRICE

It's free of charge. In fact, the Web2c 7.0 system is provided under the GNU General Public License and this should be assumed for AmiWeb2c 2.0 as well.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

There are no restrictions for distributing AmiWeb2c 2.0 in whole or in parts. In fact, work is under way to include this Amiga TeX system on the "TeX Live CD" provided by the "TeX Users Group" (see <http://www.tug.org/texlive.html>). Of course, the Aminet CD will contain this package as well.

1.34 WormGame v1.10

TITLE

WormGame

VERSION

1.10

AUTHOR

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<http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/ccorr>

DESCRIPTION

It has many features not found in other Workbench games, and will easily while away the boredom while you copy files etc. These features include:

- Runs in a window on the workbench screen, in any screen mode.
 - Automatic window scaling depending on current screen mode/resolution.
 - Plays Protracker modules while playing the game.
 - Three different speeds.
 - Three highscore tables - One for each speed.
 - Iconify mode.
 - Automatic pausing when you deselect the window.
 - Fuel guage score bar.
- And many more.....

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The game will run on any Amiga running Workbench 2.x or better.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

It is freeware, and therefore free to download and give to anyone.

AVAILABILITY

To download the game, or read the online documentation, go to

<http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/ccorr/wormgame.htm>

or it is available from any Aminet site. e.g.

<ftp://ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk/aminet/game/wb/WormGame.lha>

1.35 GTI Sales Charts

Grenville Trading Inc. (GTI) Distributor to Dealer Sales Charts
January, 1997

These charts reflect GTI's sales to their worldwide dealer network. The GTI charts are a service of GTI's website at <http://www.grentrade.com/>

| Jan | Dec | TITLE |
|-----|------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | NEW | Aminet Set 4 (includes Dir Opus 5.11) |
| 2 | (1) | Aminet 16 |
| 3 | NEW | Amiga Magazin CD 1-2/97 |
| 4 | (2) | Meeting Pearls 4 |
| 5 | (4) | Aminet Set 3 |
| 6 | (3) | Aminet 15 |
| 7 | NEW | Amiga Format CD 10 - Feb 1997 |
| 8 | (17) | Aminet Set 2 (4 CD) |
| 9 | (13) | Aminet Set 1 (4 CD) |
| 10 | (11) | Amiga Developer CD v1.1 |
| 11 | (20) | Fun Clips 2 |
| 12 | (8) | Tele-Info Vol 1 (GERMAN) |
| 13 | (5) | Amiga Format CD 9 - Jan 1997 |
| 14 | (9) | Maxon Atlas (GERMAN) |
| 15 | NEW | Scala Plug-In |
| 16 | (-) | Demos are Forever |
| 17 | NEW | Amiga Desktop Video 2 |
| 18 | (10) | Geek Gadgets (ADE) |
| 19 | (15) | Mods Anthology (4 CD) |
| 20 | (12) | Aminet 14 |
| 21 | (6) | Amiga Format CD 8 - Xmas 1996 |
| 22 | (-) | Animatic |
| 23 | (7) | Amiga Format CD 7 - Dec 1996 |
| 24 | (31) | Magic Publisher (4 CD) |
| 25 | (45) | Megahits 6 |
| 26 | (22) | Magic Workbench Enhancer |
| 27 | (26) | Print Studio Pro |
| 28 | (14) | Directory Opus v5.5 GERMAN |
| 29 | (19) | System Booster |
| 30 | (23) | Personal Paint v7.0 |
| 31 | (29) | Workbench Designer |
| 32 | (50) | Fun Clips 1 |
| 33 | (24) | Aminet 13 |
| 34 | (34) | Amiga Repair Kit |
| 35 | (28) | Light Rom 4 |

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|----|------|----------------------------|
| 36 | (16) | Retro Gold |
| 37 | (38) | Octamed Sound Studio |
| 38 | NEW | Texture CD Volume 1 |
| 39 | (-) | Megahits 4 |
| 40 | (25) | Personal Suite |
| 41 | (49) | Wordworth 6.0 Office |
| 42 | (21) | C64 Sensations 2 |
| 43 | (-) | Do It ! Vol. 1 |
| 44 | (43) | Eric Schwartz CD |
| 45 | (54) | Amiga Tools 5 |
| 46 | (-) | Amiga Golden 20 (GERMAN) |
| 47 | (-) | APC & TCP CD Vol. 1 |
| 48 | NEW | Amiga Tools 6 |
| 49 | (-) | Light Rom Gold |
| 50 | (47) | Xi-Paint 4.0 |
| 51 | (-) | APC & TCP CD Vol. 2 |
| 52 | (57) | Maxon Cinema Xtensions CD |
| 53 | (36) | Meeting Pearls 3 |
| 54 | (-) | RHS Erotic Collection |
| 55 | (60) | Aminet 12 |
| 56 | (32) | Streckenplaner 97 (GERMAN) |
| 57 | (37) | Workbench Add-On Vol. 1 |
| 58 | (44) | Kara Collection |
| 59 | (33) | RHS Colour Collection |
| 60 | (58) | Textikon (GERMAN) |

CD Games

TOP 10

| Jan | TITLE |
|-----|------------------|
| 1 | Golden Games |
| 2 | Nemac IV |
| 3 | Wendetta 2175 |
| 4 | Trapped |
| 5 | Cedric |
| 6 | Oldtimer |
| 7 | Card Games |
| 8 | Gamers Delight 2 |
| 9 | Legends |
| 10 | Roadkill |

Disk Games

TOP 15

| Jan | Dec | TITLE |
|-----|------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | (3) | Capital Punishment |
| 2 | (2) | Sensible World of Soccer 96/97 |
| 3 | (-) | Hattrick (Ikarion) GERMAN |
| 4 | NEW | Chaos Engine 2 AGA |
| 5 | (-) | Caribbean Disaster GERMAN |
| 6 | (-) | Mad News GERMAN |
| 7 | (1) | Hugo |

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| 8 | (9) | Jet Pilot |
| 9 | (7) | Killing Grounds AGA |
| 10 | (5) | Worms |
| 11 | (6) | Trapped |
| 12 | (15) | Gloom Deluxe |
| 13 | NEW | Burnout |
| 14 | (10) | Sensible World of Soccer 96/97 UPGRADE |
| 15 | (14) | Formula 1 Masters |

Productivity
TOP 10

| Jan | Dec | TITLE |
|-----|------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | (1) | Turbo Print Prof 5.0 GERMAN |
| 2 | NEW | Turbo Print Prof 5.0 ENGLISH |
| 3 | (2) | Asim CDFS v3.7x |
| 4 | (-) | I-Browse ENGLISH |
| 5 | (3) | I-Browse GERMAN |
| 6 | (-) | Kick & WB 3.1 A500/2000 |
| 7 | (7) | Picture Manager 4 Professional GERMAN |
| 8 | (-) | Final Copy 2 GERMAN |
| 9 | (9) | Blitz Basic v2.1 ENGLISH |
| 10 | (10) | Directory Opus v5.5 ENGLISH |

1.36 NetHack 3.2.1

TITLE

NetHack 3.2.1, second Official Amiga Binary Release

ABOUT THIS RELEASE

This release replaces NH32P1.lha, which will crash if the O command is used in 32-color mode. No other changes have been made.

CONTACT

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Please state that you are using the second official Amiga binary release.

DESCRIPTION

NetHack is a single player dungeon exploration game in the tradition of Rogue.

REQUIREMENTS

AmigaDOS 1.3, 2.04(or better), 3.1

2M RAM (more is better)

5M Hard disk space (yes, it still can be played on one floppy but this is highly discouraged!)

AVAILABILITY

Main repository:

`ftp://ftp.uu.net/pub/games/nethack/binaries/amiga/NH32P1v2.lha`

Source is available from the same site.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

NetHack is copyrighted and freely redistributable - please see the license for details.

MORE INFORMATION FROM THE MAIN RELEASE

We have now put the official 3.2.1 version up on our primary ftp site, `ftp.uu.net:/pub/games/nethack`. I expect that our mirrors will catch up shortly. Below, please find a summary of the updates made to the game:

Weapons skills processing is made smarter and centralized in #enhance (and documented, now that we're mildly happy with it). Setting options from within the game has changed drastically, precipitated by a patch from Per Liboriussen. Default object class characters can be used as menu shortcuts. Menu commands can be mapped on some window-ports. See the guidebooks for full details.

Core bugs fixed include crashes due to Medusa's moving after being killed, weird messages for applying bullwhips after leaving traps, missiles and tridents not being properly accounted for in weapon skills, and a DLB bug that caused very slow file access from DJGPP-compiled binaries, along with many more minor things.

Linux text colors, X11 help files, Amiga tiles outside the main dungeon, MS-DOS game re-entry after shelling and changing directories, and endgame entry with MFLOPPY enabled all now work. We have a suggested workaround for the HPUX/DGUX + gcc situation that caused the game to hang trying to create nearly infinite monsters.

68K Macs may now have a chance, now that we've found that the previous compiler options produced buggy structure copies for that platform. Dragging the scrollbar on Macs should work now, but the other window flakiness inherited from 3.1.3 is still there and probably will continue to be unless someone who both understands Mac windowing and has time appears out of the woodwork.

Earlier save and bones files are not compatible with 3.2.1, although the code should now reject them instead of crashing.

Happy Hacking!

For the NetHack DevTeam...

Mike Stephenson

For the Amiga NetHack Team...

Ken Lorber

1.37 BattleDuel V1.5.42

TITLE

BattleDuel V1.5.42

AUTHOR

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Michael David
Marco Seine

DESCRIPTION

BattleDuel is a game like 'Artillery Duel' on the C-64:

Two players fight against each other with cannons placed in a windy mountainous landscape. To hit the other they change the power and angle of the cannons. A duel is finished if one of the cannons is totally damaged.

Some features:

- up to 4 players
- computer opponents
- normal duel mode, 2 tournament modes, practice mode
- ECS/AGA/GraphicBoard support (only one program)
- network support: nullmodem, modem and TCP/IP
- nice graphics and sound effects
- full multitasking
- OS friendly

NEW FEATURES

- background animations: balloon, rabbit, soldiers
- variable screen height
- support for publicscreens: BattleDuel in a window
- new game mode: conquer mode
- support for AS225
- improved network protocol
- keyboard control for cannons

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Kickstart2.0, Harddisk, Flickerfixer recommended, at least 1 MB memory

AVAILABILITY

Any Aminet site, e.g.:

<ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/game/2play/BattleDuel.lha> (898506)

PRICE

Shareware fee of \$15 US / DM 20

DISTRIBUTABILITY

BattleDuel is Shareware!

Copyright (C) 1996 Jochen Terstiege, Michael David, Marco Seine

1.38 Time.mcc

TITLE

Time.mcc

VERSION

12.1

RELEASE DATE

10.02.1997

AUTHOR

Kai Hofmann (i07m@zfn.uni-bremen.de)
(<http://www.informatik.uni-bremen.de/~i07m/>)

DESCRIPTION

Time is an abstract Custom Class of the Magic User Interface by Stefan Stuntz.
It's a subclass of notify-class and only usable for developers who want to build subclasses of Time.mcc!

The idea of this class was born during developing my Gregor application.

Time.mcc allows an easy handling of time. It lets the developer specify a range within which the time must fall and it handles different time zones.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

MUI 3.1+
date.library 33.225+

AVAILABILITY

<http://www.informatik.uni-bremen.de/~i07m/amiga/Time.html>

ftp://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/dev/mui/MCC_Time.lha
And all other Aminet sites.

PRICE

This is Freeware!

DISTRIBUTION

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- All free accessible Internet servers!
- All Aminet sites
- Fred Fish for his great Amiga-Software Library
- The German SAAR AG PD-Library
- Angela Schmidt's Meeting Pearls series
- All Simtel sites and CD-ROMs
- All others who do NOT take more than US\$ 5.- for one disk that includes this software!

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1.39 Virus Checker

From: Dave Dustin <dave@manawatu.gen.nz>
Virus Checker Up For Grabs Again

First off, I would like to apologise to all those who have been waiting for information about the continuation of the VirusChecker project, especially those registered users who contacted me over the past 8 months.

The development of VirusChecker by myself has been basically been stopped.

When I first decided to purchase VirusChecker off John Veldthuis, I had every intention of continuing with the work he had started. I jumped in, redesigned the interface; rewrote the file checker in C so that it might be used by Aminet; I asked the users what they wanted in a new version, implementing many of their suggestions; while also beginning work in lots of other areas of the program.

Since then, many things have happened in my life, which has basically left me not using my computers as much as I used to. In fact, I spend at most 15 minutes every couple of days checking EMail and news. My PC sits idle unless my brother is playing games on it.

The main reason for dropping all my computer work is due to the fact that my girlfriend and I wanted to spend more time together. Although we both like and use computers, it's not really a big part of our lives anymore.

I would like to hear from those parties that might be interested in picking up the development. I am looking for one person or group that could continue with the program.

I am not seeking any payment for the source due to the fact that I never released a new version, but I will give the same warning John gave me: "There's a lot of work involved!"

I am sorry for the bad news, but that's just the way life is I suppose.

1.40 MagiC64 1.5

TITLE

MagiC64

VERSION

1.5

AUTHOR

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DESCRIPTION

New features in MagiC64 V1.5:

- Powerful 6510 monitor
- CyberGfx support
- Smart Refresh for faster screen updates
- Borders are displayed now
- MagiC64 Homepage: <http://www.ac-copy.com/~magic64>

MagiC64 is a C64 emulator for the Amiga, which tries to emulate a real C64 in an exact manner. The emulator has the following properties:

- Complete emulation of the 6510-CPU (including illegal opcodes)
 - Line-by-line VIC emulation
 - All graphics modes
 - Horizontal and vertical scrolling
 - Complete sprite emulation
 - Sprite-sprite collisions
 - Sprite-background collisions
-

- Sound emulation with 6581sid.library or playsid.library
- ROM emulation, you can also use the original ROMs
- Keyboard and joystick input
- Floppy 1541 emulation
 - Fastload and fastsave for all programs
 - Nearly all 1541 commands are supported
- Support for the following formats: D64, T64, P00 and plain C64
- Conversion between all formats possible
- Bitplane optimized graphics functions, on fast Amigas original C64 speed is possible.
- The emulator is programmed OS-friendly, it runs in a fully multitasking environment
- AmigaGuide Docs in English and German

MagiC64 was rated 90% in CU Amiga.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 68020 or higher (fast 68030 or 68040 recommended)
- Kickstart 2.04 or higher
- 1.8 MB free memory

AVAILABILTY

Any Aminet site e.g.

<ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/misc/emu/MagiC64.lha>

PRICE

Shareware fee: \$20 US (or 30 DM)

DISTRIBUTABILITY

MagiC64 is a shareware product. The unregistered version may be distributed freely. Registering means all features will be enabled and there is no time restriction.

1.41 Sort v1.60

TITLE

Sort

VERSION

1.60

AUTHOR

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DESCRIPTION

The basic function of sort is to sort ASCII-files in alphabetical order. But its functions are not restricted to sorting. I implemented many options which allow to manipulate file(s) in different ways. The sort program is started from Shell.

NEW FEATURES

(registered version)

- * numeric sorting facility added
- * keywords from system sort command can be used now

FEATURES

(unregistered version)

- * sorting files alphabetically (ascending, descending)
- * distinguishing and no distinguishing of capitals and small letters
- * erasing of empty lines with sorting
- * erasing of empty lines without sorting
- * replacing the old file

(registered version)

- * sorting files alphabetically (ascending, descending)
 - * sorting with columns, variable length of sort string
 - * removing and replacing of characters
 - * picking out lines
 - * throwing out lines
 - * joining files
 - * removing oh a given number of header lines
 - * ignoring of specified strings at the beginning of a line
 - * two pass sorting for ignoring strings in lines
 - * all functions are operating in a given range, if desired
 - * selectable distinguishing of capitals and small letters
 - * erasing of empty lines
 - * improved erasing of double lines
 - * dividing a file into two, according to the given pattern,
-

which is specified with the -q|Q option.
* reversing of the file (without sorting)
* verbose function

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

AVAILABILITY

This program is available for the following systems:

- AMIGA
- MS-DOS

- Ultrix 4.4
- Solaris 2.4
- SUN OS 4.1.3
- AIX 3.2.5
- Linux

It can be found on Aminet:

ftp://ftp.netnet.net/pub/aminet/util/sys/sort1_60e.lha

or from my homepage:

<http://eeetw0.et.tu-dresden.de:8080/~wernerr/amiga.html>

the latest version will be available from my page, for all the above mentioned systems.

PRICE

5 US\$ for registration (binaries) & sending by e-mail
8 US\$ for registration (binaries) & sending by post
or equivalents in DM
registration see doc-file

DISTRIBUTABILITY

The unregistered version is freely distributable if it is done in a noncommercial way and the contents of the archive is kept intact.

The registered version is not freely distributable.

1.42 TimeString.mcc v12.2

TITLE

TimeString.mcc

VERSION

12.2

RELEASE DATE

10.02.1997

AUTHOR

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(<http://www.informatik.uni-bremen.de/~i07m/>)

DESCRIPTION

TimeString is a Custom Class of the Magic User Interface by Stefan Stuntz.

It's a subclass of string-class.

The idea of this class was born during developing my Gregor application.

TimeString.mcc allows an easy handling of time strings. It parses the time string and is able to define the display format of the time string.

NEW FEATURES

- Now based on Time.mcc
- Improved demo
- Adding great icons from Eric Gerard
- Improved formatter
- Improved parser
- Fixed Assembler interface
- Fixed Modula interface
- Fixed Amiga-E interface
- Fixed Oberon interface
- Now needs date.library 33.230

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

MUI 3.2+
date.library 33.230+ (included)
locale.library

AVAILABILITY

<http://www.informatik.uni-bremen.de/~i07m/amiga/TimeString.html>

ftp://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/dev/mui/MCC_TimeString.lha
And all other Aminet sites.

PRICE

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1.43 Gui4Cli v2.0

TITLE

Gui4Cli

VERSION

2.0

AUTHOR

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DESCRIPTION

Gui4Cli is a program with which **anyone** can very easily create GUIs. No deep programming knowledge, compilers, libraries etc are needed.

With it, you can make GUIs for :

- Customizing your Workbench, launching programs etc.
- Giving a GUI to CLI based programs
- Making GUIs for programs with an AREXX port.

It is a simple interpreted script language (about as simple as AmigaDOS) which enables you to construct GUIs and with them form command lines which you can send to AmigaDOS or to AREXX ports of other programs, for execution. You can think of it as "Visual-DOS".

It features :

- Multiple, resizable, font-sensitive windows
 - GadTools Gadgets and Menus
 - The ability to dynamically change the GUIs
 - Icons that can be used as buttons, or in menus
 - Keyboard shortcuts for gadgets & menus
 - Graphics and font commands
 - Common window shortcuts
 - Colored window backgrounds (pattern or icons)
 - Create & use other screens
- and much more...

Gui4Cli will stay in memory and load, interpret and run the GUIs you make. You can run as many GUIs as your memory allows, all from the same instance of the program.

The program is not disabled in any way and there are full manuals included.

The demos provided (to give you an idea of what you can do), include :

- A calculator (with memories etc) based on the c:eval command
- A "MultiMedia" GUI, which combines GUIs for the "ppshow", "sfx" and "proplay" programs into a common GUI allowing you play sounds & graphics together.
- A "display" script which will show you files according to their type.
- A replacement for the WB "Execute Command" GUI, which also allows you to send AREXX commands and change directory.
- A ToolBar (made with icons) providing common shortcuts (cut/paste etc) for the "CygnumEd" editor.

AVAILABILITY

At any Aminet site, e.g.:

<ftp://ftp.netnet.net/pub/aminet/dev/gui/Gui4Cli.lha> (125k)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

OS 2.04+

DISTRIBUTION

Freely distributable via CD, Disk, FTP etc.

A shareware fee of either \$10, or a really good GUI is suggested.

1.44 Config v1.01

TITLE

Config

VERSION

Version 1.01 (Released 28th June, 96)

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DESCRIPTION

Config is a piece of C sourcecode designed to make access to configuration files as easy as possible.

All the hard work is taken away, and replaced with just 4 functions:

```
WriteConfig()  
WriteConfigNumber()  
ReadConfig()  
ReadConfigNumber()
```

The config files are in a standard format: they are divided into "sections" (each of which has a unique name). In each section is any number of keywords, each of which has an associated data item.

To write data to a config file, a single call to WriteConfig() is required, telling it the name of the config file, the section and keyword the data is to be added with, and the data itself. Config will then create the config file (if necessary), create the section (if necessary) and add or modify (as appropriate) the entry in the config file.

Reading from the config file is just as easy. You specify the filename, section and keyword and Config returns you the data. However, when calling the ReadConfig() function, you also supply a default value. If the data cannot be returned for any reason (config file doesn't exist, section or keyword doesn't exist), you will be returned your default value. This means that absolutely no extra handling is necessary for new config files, etc.

WriteConfigNumber() and ReadConfigNumber() work in exactly the same way, but with numbers instead of strings.

Full documentation and examples are included within the archive.

NEW FEATURES

Fixed a nasty memory allocation bug. Any programs compiled with Config v1.0 should be recompiled with v1.01 (which *is* stable).

TO DO

I would ideally like to make Config in to a shared library. This would mean it could be accessed from any language, not just C. I currently have

no idea how to do this, though, so that may not happen just yet.

I also have plans to add full caching to Config to speed things up a little, aswell as adding a few more functions.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Any Amiga running a C compiler (tested with DICE and SAS/C). Whilst the code is potentially ANSI-compliant, it currently uses several functions from `exec.library` for linked-list manipulation. I will consider making the code fully ANSI compatible if there is any demand for it.

AVAILABILITY

From Aminet, for example:

```
ftp://ftp.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/dev/c/Config101.lha (9k)
```

PRICE

Free.

DISTRIBUTION

Config is freely distributable as long as it is not modified in any way. You are perfectly welcome to use it in your own programs (that's why I've written it, after all) without any permission; I won't complain if you feel like giving me a mention in the documentation, but that's by no means compulsory.

1.45 Conk v0.90

TITLE

Conk - A game construction set.

VERSION

0.90 (Beta test version)

AUTHOR

42 South (Ben Campbell, Grant Young, Paul Atkin)

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DESCRIPTION

Conk is a standalone game creation package. It is very versatile and can be used to make up 2D games in many styles - Horizontal scrolly shootemups, maze games, Defender-style blasters, Asteroids-style games, Robotron-style games, Platform games and many others.

- Paint program and background map editor included
 - Editor programs are very system-friendly
-

- Games take over the display hardware, but otherwise leave the operating system intact (ie multitasking still goes)
- Fully hard drive installable
- Multiplayer game support
- Game files are cached - no unnecessary reloading of levels
- Play between-level IFF Anims
- Tracker music modules supported
- Support for IFF 8SVX and raw sound data
- Games can have virtually unlimited horizontal scrolling, limited vertical scrolling or may get rid of scrolling altogether and use an IFF picture (ILBM) as a backdrop.
- Any Amiga system can be targeted (Kickstart 2.0+ is required in this beta release, later versions will run on 1.3). You can make up games for standard 68000 machines, or go for a _serious_ game needing lots of memory, disk space and processor grunt. You are not limited by artificial constraints.
- Produced games are stand-alone, and no restrictions are placed upon their distribution.
- AGA supported (but not required)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Amiga OS 2.0 (or higher) required.

"asl.library" from Amiga OS 2.1 (or higher) required. This will not be needed in the next release.

For making up games, the preferred system would have a hard drive, at least two megs of memory and a faster processor. A standard Amiga 1200 or accelerated 500 is nice.

AVAILABILITY

Conk is available either by FTP:

<ftp://ftp.acid.nz.com/Acid/Conk/ConkA.lha>

<ftp://ftp.acid.nz.com/Acid/Conk/ConkB.lha>

or by the WWW at:

<http://www.acid.nz.com/Acid/Conk/ConkA.lha>

<http://www.acid.nz.com/Acid/Conk/ConkB.lha>

ConkA.lha - Conk editor programs (319 Kb)

ConkB.lha - Demo games (274 Kb)

PRICE

Beta version: Free!

Final release: To be announced.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

Version 0.90 (Beta) is NOT for redistribution.

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1.46 AmigaGadget 25

TITLE

AmigaGadget 25 - Freely Distributable German Magazine

VERSION

Issue 25

AUTHOR

various

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DESCRIPTION

The AmigaGadget is a freely distributable magazine. Most articles are in German, only a few are written in English. The subjects covered range from news about the Amiga to jokes and stories :

- "Aktuell" (= News)
- "Forum" (= Discussion, interviews, letters to the editor, ...)
- "Tests" (= Reviews of hardware, software, CDs, ...)
- "Grundlagen" (= Basic informations of a certain topic)
- "Programmieren" (= News, Hints and Workshops for programmers)
- "Politik" (= Politics)
- "Lifestyle" (= Reviews of new CDs, books, movies, etc.)
- "Jokes & Stories"

Most articles are written especially for the AmigaGadget, but there are also a few texts which were taken out of the net - representing some sort of "Best of the Net".

Issue 25 of the AmigaGadget contains e.g. interviews with Wouter van Oortmerssen ("E") and Bernd Schmidt ("UAE"), informations about new hardware for the VIC 20 (sic!) and an improved CPC-emulator for MS-DOS, a report from the "meeting" in Guetersloh, an introduction to the new law about electromagnetical compatibility and a lot of other stuff.... Back to the commercials ;-)

FEATURES

Over 700 pages of text.

Installation is done simply by unpacking the archive to the harddrive.

REQUIREMENTS

LIBS :

reqtools.library, iff.library, powerpacker.library,

diskfont.library, medplayer.library, xpkmaster.library,
compressors/xpknuke.library

C:

IconX, Run, Assign

Harddrive strongly recommended for an easy installation.

AVAILABILITY

AmigaGadget is freely distributable as long as it is kept intact and spread noncommercially. It is available from the Aminet :

<ftp://ftp.netnet.net/pub/aminet/docs/mags/gadget25.lha>

or via my WWW-homepage :

<http://stud-www.uni-marburg.de/~Neumanna/gadget.html>

or contact me via e-mail for snail-mail-availability.

PRICE

It is FREE. (Snail-Mail : empty disc and stamps)

DISTRIBUTABILITY

It is freely distributable. Articles are (C) Copyrighted by the authors, the compilation is (C) Copyrighted 1996 by Andreas Neumann (whatever that means).

1.47 Insert104

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1.48 Oberon System V4

TITLE

Oberon System V4 for Amiga

VERSION

1.4

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DESCRIPTION

Oberon System V4 for Amiga (O4A) is a full implementation of ETH Zurich's Oberon System V4.

Oberon is both a programming language and an operating system developed by Prof. N. Wirth and Prof. J. Gutknecht.

The Oberon System in key words:

- Single-process multitasking
- Garbage collector - memory will be released automatically if not needed anymore
- Commandos: procedures that can be called like programs
- Dynamic loading: modules are loaded and linked to the system during run-time (if necessary)
- Text as a built-in abstract data type (for example a Minesweeper game as a letter (like OLE and OpenDOC))
- Graphical user interface

A special advantage is the very high compatibility of the systems between implementations on different computers. System V4 implementations exist for Amiga, Mac, Power Mac, Windows (NT), Linux, IBM-RS6000, Sun-Sparc, HP-Workstations, NeXt, ... You can use a program written on one

implementation on any other without change.

O4A is a full implementation of the Oberon System V4 with all usual programs. The system runs in its own task and therefore you can use O4A and the Amiga OS at the same time. Specific features of the Amiga implementation are its incremental heap allocation, support of the Amiga clipboard and the capability of accessing IFF files.

The O4A package contains:

- A full Oberon-2 compiler
- Development tools (Browser, Analyzer, Disassembler, ...)
- XE, a comfortable 'editor' with layout functions
- Kepler, an object-oriented 2D vector drawing program
- Paint, a simple pixel-oriented paint program
- A lot of additional tools (Draw, RX, AsciiCoder, ...)
- Various text elements
- VT100 terminal emulation
- Games: Tetris and Minesweeper (with source)
- Example sources and online documentation

To get more information about the programming language and operating system Oberon have a look at the "Oberon and Amiga" WWW page:
<http://sun1.rrzn.uni-hannover.de/~nhbidegn/oa-e.html> There you will find links to other Oberon information resources.

NEW FEATURES

- All interface modules rewritten
- Amiga font support
- Many small bugs fixed

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Amiga with OS2.0 or higher
- at least an MC68020
- a minimum of 1.5 MB free memory (2.5 MB recommended)
- about 3 MB disk space
- FPU for floating point calculations
(without FPU Oberon-NonFPU.lha is required)

AVAILABILITY

The Home of Oberon is the ETH Zurich. There you can find many Oberon System implementations, especially the Amiga version:

<ftp://ftp.inf.ethz.ch/pub/Oberon/Amiga/V1.4/>

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Oberon.lha (1.1 MB) | - main archive |
| Oberon-NonFPU.lha (100 KB) | - to use O4A without FPU |
| Oberon-Src.lha (700 KB) | - the full source of O4A |
| Oberon-Fonts.lha (390 KB) | - additional fonts |
| Dialogs.lha (250kB) | - advanced GUI |
| Expressions.lha (130kB) | - math expressions within text documents |
| CoCo.lha (130kB) | - compiler generator |

It is available in the Aminet directory dev/obero, too.

PRICE

It's free, but not PD.
Please note the ReadMe file in every archive.

DISTRIBUTABILITY

Oberon System V4 for Amiga is (C)opyright 1990-97 by Claudio Nieder, Stefan Ludwig, Ralf Degner and the Institute for Computer Systems ETH Zurich. Some files in the archives are (C)opyright by other persons (fo example Dialogs and Expressions).

All files in the archives are freeware. You can use it in any way you like but you must not include part of it in a commercial product.

1.49 Sagittarius Software

15-FEB-97

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1.50 RealAudio Attempt

RealAudio: Try And Convince Them

From perjac@inet.uni-c.dk Tue Jan 28 00:15 CST 1997

Hello,

During a discussion on the IBrowse mailinglist, the topic of RealAudio came up, as you probably know this is not available for the Amiga. I mentioned that RealAudio has a 'bulletinboard' where web surfers can write comments and I suggested that perhaps we should write a note there. This has already started, several amigans have written mails, explaining a bit about who they are and why they would like to *buy* a version for the Amiga. It may be a waste of time, on the other hand who knows :)

The rather longwinded URL is:

<http://204.71.154.55/scripts/dbml.exe?template=cfo/confer/threads.dbm&CID=8>

1.51 UltraAccounts 3.5

TITLE

UltraAccounts 3.5

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DESCRIPTION

An intuitive & easy-to-use accounts program, specially designed to be suitable for non-computer-users as well as experts.

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- Multiple accounts & transaction tags.
- Compatible with UltraPayAdvice, for taking care of all your payslips. (Aminet: biz/misc/ultrapay.lha)
- Debit & credit standing orders, and timed transfers. The transactions entered by these timed events can be edited or erased *without* duplicate entries being created.
- Budgeting facilities.
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- Reminders: Make sure that you don't miss any important events like birthdays/anniversaries, or bills that need paying.
- Pie, bar and line graphs, with optional future projections.
- Encrypted files, optionally password protected.
- Multiple data export configurations.

NEW FEATURES

- Numerous further improvements to the GUI. Among other things, all the windows now use consistent OK/Erase/Cancel buttons.
- Added a "balances" option to the bar & line graphs.
- Added a search option to the Show/Transactions window.
- Export formats & wage categories can now be erased!
- Unsaved data is now flagged properly.
- Various bug fixes & enhancements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Requires: AmigaOS 2.0, 2 meg ram, reqtools.library (supplied)
- Recommended: AmigaOS 3.0, hard drive, additional memory

AVAILABILITY

Available via FTP from Aminet sites.

<ftp://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/biz/misc/ultraacc.lha>
(155415 bytes)

PRICE

The unregistered version is fully functional, but will display shareware reminders from time to time.

Standard registration fee is 10 Pounds Sterling (or equivalent)

DISTRIBUTABILITY

Shareware, unregistered copies are freely distributable.

UltraAccounts is (C) Richard Smedley 1997

1.52 IARS WWW Form

Hi there!

I am now happy to inform you that the form based survey part of IARS is running. Is it ready? Well, it will surely be updated as time goes, with more descriptive links etc., but the survey itself has at last found its shape.

Please visit and submit your views at:

<http://www.skip.adb.gu.se/~gunnar/iars/>

You may be glad to know that Phase5 Digital Products have given IARS an official recognition, and they really wan't everyone to visit it, since they believe the results may be very interesting and useful for them. I also got a mail from Carl Sassenrath saying that he was really interested in the results of the survey. It seems that at last there's someone who'll listen to the Amiga Community. Visit the survey!

Sincerely

Gunnar Liljas

1.53 Speculator 97

Awesome new ZX emulator: SPECULATOR 97

There are lots of Amiga Spectrum emulators, but this is a really good one especially if you're a former Spectrum user or programmer. Apologies to some US readers who may not know what a Spectrum is. I guess it's a European thing (mainly). Actually it's a few million Euro things, and a few hundred thousand Timex variants sold in the States, back in the 1980s. There are still about twenty Spectrum publishers in the UK, and many more across Europe. But what of this emulator?

William James's Speculator 97 is on the Aminet now, in the misc/emu directory. Earlier versions appeared on several UK magazine cover disks

last year, but this (1.04) is the first release to Aminet, and considerably tidier and more complete than the earlier ones.

The following details are taken from the Aminet readme file. The full archive is a 378K packed LHA which expands to about 860K.

SPECULATOR 97 FEATURES

Speculator 97 is the 1997 version of a fast Spectrum emulator written in the UK, updating the version originally released on Amiga Format and Amiga User International cover-disks late last year. It has many advantages over earlier Amiga Spectrum emulators. It is shareware but has no operational restrictions.

- o Speculator is Amiga O/S friendly and runs on all versions of the 680X0.
- o Over 100K documentation in AmigaGuide format, plus extra pictures/documents.
- o The Workbench 2.0/3.0 environment and AGA mode promotion is well supported.
- o Snapshot files in six different formats are supported transparently.
- o Support for ALL the standard Amiga keys as well as the main 40 Spectrum ones.
- o Spectrum ROM routines rewritten in 68K code for increased system speed.
- o ROM extensions - CAT command and full BASIC file handling implemented.
- o High Resolution display of menus and requesters, with mode promotion.
- o Integrated utilities such as labelling Z80 Disassembler and screen to IFF saver.
- o High speed, efficient Z80 emulation engine and optimised screen handling.
- o ZA80 cross-assembler included for developing Z80 assembler programs.
- o Speculator can be used transparently through project icons for snapshot programs.
- o LPRINT, LLIST and output to stream #3 is re-directed to any Amiga device or file.
- o Spectrum disk handler supplied for using MGT disks just like real Amiga disks.
- o Optional built in 'Easy Keys' feature to overcome keyword entry problems.
- o Lots of *legal* example programs including BetaBASIC3, AstroBall and Smashout.
- o Cassette loading supported with a very simple cable for all Amigas.
- o Supports serial transfers to and from real Spectrums.
- o Automated Hard disk installation for both emulator and ZX disk handler.
- o Startup icon allows easy use direct from a CD or any sub-directory.
- o Supplied with an Amiga-compatible Spectrum-style ZX8 font.
- o Compatible with ZX_Datatype 39.1 by Edward Vermuelen.

Please send comments and suggestions to the author William James:
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1.54 PowerCon Info Pack

[PowerCon is the successor to the Montreal Amiga Convention of recent years. The venue is the same as AC '96. -Jason]

The Official Info Pack on the PowerCon'97
Release 1.1

Please feel free to spread this file around wherever you can, as long as it is not altered. We don't want people to show up at the wrong city or during the wrong month!

If you are a magazine, please feel free to put this in your magazine. All that we ask in return is that you e-mail or call us to tell us that you have put the information into the magazine. Also, if you would like to have an article written for your magazine after the convention about what happened at PowerCon'97 Please e-mail <moogy@datrox.ca> <tessier@moebius.qc.ca> <steve.pruneau@mcbbs.magicnet.com>

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- PIOS maker of a new PowerPC box (PIOS-ONE) will be there to demonstrate their new products (<http://www.pios.de>)
- ProDAD are developing a new OS called pOS, it look similar to AmigaOS. It is currently port to the PowerPC, a 68k version is already available (<http://www.prodad.de>)

In July, in Montreal, the first annual PowerPC Convention will take place! This convention will gather the PowerPC community together from all across the world to show its support for the PowerPC platforms! (BeBox, PIOS-ONE, A/Box, Amiga(PowerUP), PowerMac(& clones), IBM, Motorola) We hope to make this show an event that will demonstrate the "POWER" behind PowerPC's and their operating systems (BeOS, pOS, MacOS, Linux, Solaris, AIX).

WHY: We are putting on the PowerCon'97 to support our favorite computers. We feel that there is a place for the PowerPC platform within the "WINTEL" monopoly.

WHERE: The Howard Johnson Hotel in Montreal,

ADDRESS: Howard Johnson
(514)-842-3961
475 Sherbrooke West Street
Montreal (Quebec)
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WHEN : 19 & 20 of July 1997

TIME : 10:00 - 20:00 (8:00 PM) Saturday
9:00 - 18:00 (6:00 PM) Sunday

ENTRANCE COST: 7 Canadian dollars

COMPETITION:

Software Coding

1st place : \$800
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COST FOR RENTING TABLES : \$150 - 1 day, \$250 - 2 days, for one table of 6' by 3' and chairs. These tables are aimed towards dealers and developers.

FREE TABLES: We will also have free tables, for anyone who wishes to BRING THEIR own PPC system, whether to show off something cool, or just to help someone else who might need one at the time. However, at the free tables you get less space than the pay tables, it is first-come first-serve, and you cannot sell products at the tables! That is strictly for the rented tables.

ACCESABILITY: The show is easily accessible by bus and subway, as well as having lots of parking space in the vicinity for cars.

WHY DEALERS SHOULD COME: We offer tables at an incredibly low rate, a price which includes electrical outlets and electricity. You also get the chance to show and sell your wares to a crowd of PPC owners, all of whom have money to spend and are influenced by how big a presence you have at the show.

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1.55 AmiTech '97

PRESS RELEASE - AMIGA Show in Scandinavia

Stockholm, Sweden 97.01.27 - AmiTech '97 is the name of this year's largest Amiga convention in Scandinavia. The show is designed to be a fresh kick-back and inspiration to the users and dealers of our favorite computer, the Amiga!

The show is organised by AUGS (Amiga User Group of Sweden) and SUGA (Swedish User Group of Amiga) with our main sponsor; Distribution 4, the new but already leading Amiga computer and peripherals distributor of Scandinavia. Working with the group is the two Swedish Amiga magazines, SAM and Amigainfo.

Date and hours:

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| Friday | 25th of April 1997 | 10:00-18:00 |
| Saturday | 26th of April 1997 | 10:00-18:00 |
| Sunday | 27th of April 1997 | 10:00-17:00 |

Admittance: 50 kr (~7 usd)

The show will take place in Wasahallarna, at the Royal Djurgarden in central Stockholm. The space for is divided on two floors and produce a total of 1500 square meters (ca 5000 sqfeet).

A Website us up and running with current information, seminare schedules, competitions and maps to the show. Please visit:
<http://www.canit.se/amitech> More information on attending companies and persons will be available.

Companies and developers interested in exhibiting and/or seminars may contact Distribution 4 at the below address or email.

Welcome to the show!

/The team working on AmiTech -97.

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1.56 ClickBOOM News

ClickBOOM Web Page Moves, CP Upgrade Available

ClickBOOM and Capital Punishment's web page has moved to:

<http://home.ican.net/~clkboom/>

On the site is a Capital Punishment 1.1 upgrade. This upgrade fixes some of the loading problems, as well as Apollo board compatibility. Also, there is no need for 040 or 060.libraries.

1.57 CDTV Retrospective II

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The Definitive CDTV Retrospective: Part II

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Many of the unreleased CDTV games in the full list didn't get beyond the twinkle-in-the-eye stage. But a handful did make it well down the road toward publication. Here's a rough accounting of the fate of some of the canceled games on which work is known to have been done.

CDTV Sports Football (CDTV Publishing): Long delayed, this offshoot of Cinemaware's unreleased TV Sports: Football 2 finally surfaced in early 1994 as Amiga CD32 Sports: Football. (No, it's not backward compatible with CDTV.) Impressive for its graphic beauty and wide range of plays, obnoxious in its use of CDXL, it had pitifully little AI and omitted certain key TV Sports functions. You'd think something in the cooker so long would be *done*, y'know?

Dungeon Master (FTL): FTL president Wayne Holder reports the developer largely completed the CDTV conversion of this seminal dungeon crawl, only to be stymied by the inability to obtain reliable info from CBM on saving games to memory cards.

This was to be a moderately enhanced version with improved music and animation and a special animation player. It was never formally canceled; it just never surfaced. Some of the technology has surfaced in subsequent Amiga products (like Chaos Strikes Back), and for some time afterward, FTL continued to hold out hope it could complete the port.

"But things never came together at Commodore," Holder indicated. "So, I suppose, it ended with a whimper rather than a bang."

Herewith the Clues (Domark): Domark twice went back and forth on an Amiga CD version of this 1930s murder mystery, first on a CDTV version and more recently on one for CD32. Neither would surface.

Happily, Herewith the Clues was released on disk by On-Line a few years back, so we can get a sense of what we missed.

Er ... make that unhappily. In format, it's much like The Hound of the

Baskervilles in that you're presented with a range of evidence, photos, and exhibits, and expected to digest these clues and come back with a solution. There's a lot of info to take in without too much in the way of niceties, and it's fair to expect that the CD version would have been cleaned up and the hard info abetted with voices.

The Lawnmower Man (The Sales Curve): Wound up as an IBM game, but started out as a CDTV project. It's a series of linked arcade, flying and puzzle games based around the rather silly movie. The game was well along (I saw a muddy 16-color demo of the CDTV version at the European Computer Trade Show in 1993), but SCI dropped the project in favor of the 3-CD Cyberwar, a game similar in structure, improved only cosmetically. (No where-is-it letters, please; it was completed, but has long since been killed.)

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Loom, and Secret of Monkey Island (CDTV Publishing): LucasArts did the CDTV conversions of these delightful animated adventures, which were projected for release by CBM in 1991 and 1992.

Their fate is something of a mystery. A LucasArts spokeswoman reported that all three cleared in-house testing, were approved, and then were turned over to CBM for release.

However, a former CBM employee who worked on the CDTV project through 1992 indicates that nothing from LucasArts crossed his desk.

At any rate, the games never did surface. Conventional wisdom suggests that Indy and SOMI were straight ports of the disk-based games. Loom may or may not have been a "talkie." (The PC CD-ROM version that preceded it did have voices.)

Lunar Rescue: The Colossus Incident (Odyssey): Odyssey was one of a handful of U.S.-based labels to take a real interest in CDTV. Lunar Rescue, slated to appear on CDTV in the fall of 1992, would have been Odyssey's third and most original and substantial undertaking - about 50 megabytes of game-cum-space database built around the rescue of a crashed Apollo spacecraft. Unfortunately, CDTV crashed first.

For a time, Odyssey pursued Lunar Rescue as a PC CD-ROM project, but that appears to have fallen by the wayside as well. (I was unable to reach the publisher for an update.)

Microcosm (Psygnosis): "It will redefine computer entertainment," read the blurb. Yes, Psygnosis' graphically dazzling, gameplay-poor 3D arcader for the CD32 was initially a CDTV project. In fact, a short, non-interactive demo of this early version - along with a longer version of the Planetside demo - can be found on the Psygnosis demo CD -- intercut with intros from many of Psygnosis' other Amiga games. (And yes, the disc works on CD32.)

The CDTV version appears to have been much like the CD32 release in concept. The main differences are that the graphics are largely in shades of gray and that you're in the *President's* bloodstream, rather than that of some off-world corporate suit.

Wounded by the platform's famous non-performance, the final nail in Microcosm CDTV's coffin must have been the arrival of the CD32.

Mind Run II (Crealude): Mind Run author Pierre Berloquin reports that he completed a Mind Run II. This one focused on machines, logic, space and numbers, and was designed along much the same lines as the original. CBM wasn't interested, however, and the project died.

Planetside (Psygnosis): Ah, yes. Planetside. If CDTV's salvation could have been linked to any particular product, this might have been it. This is the game that should have sold the machine that came from the house that Jack built.

Planetside has its roots back in the days when Psygnosis was one of "The Great Amiga Publishers." Demoed on the Lemmings CDTV disk, this shoot-em-up had you racing over a fractal landscape in pursuit of a raging missile.

The killer: The demo was said to be drawn, not from the introduction, but from the game proper. It was to take up about 400 megabytes and was originally set to appear in early 1992.

But it was delayed until summer, then until fall, then until spring 1993. And as it turned out, Planetside had been cannibalized for parts. The technology has since surfaced in Microcosm and NovaStorm (which was started for CD32, but left incomplete).

Psycho Killer II (On-Line): In which you, as a psychic investigator, track down the nut who got away in the original. This followup, projected for spring 1992, was extensively filmed (but not coded) and was canceled when it became apparent CBM was no longer supporting CDTV. On-Line's Michael Hodges reports that it would have involved a lot more artwork and would have been significantly more interactive. (It was also going to include nudity and some rough language.)

Sensible Soccer (Renegade): *The* Amiga soccer game was slated for a CDTV version in 1992. That straight port of the disk version was largely done, but Renegade wound up turning it into a CD32 version instead.

Treasure Quest (Almathera): Almathera canned this half-complete project - an animated board game built around a random monster maze - when it became clear CBM wasn't going to support the CDTV.

Evidently, there was no worse fate that could befall a CDTV game than being heralded by Commodore as "coming soon." Of 38 games so hyped in the two CDTV catalogues, exactly two surfaced.

Here's a run-down on other games that were planned for CBM's black beauty, but never released.

Air Traffic Controller (Logic Plus)
Angel of the City (Tiger Media)
Aquaventura (Psygnosis)
B.A.T. (UBI Soft)
Battletoads (Mindscape)
Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (Capstone)
Blockbusters (Domark)
The Cardinal of the Kremlin (Capstone)
Challenge Golf (On-Line)

The Classics Collection (School Software)
 Composer Quest (Dr. T's Music Software)
 Dominion (Dominion Software & Design, Inc)
 Drakkhen (Infogrames)
 Epic (Ocean)
 Espana: The Games (Ocean)
 Garfield: Winter's Tail (The Edge Interactive)
 Grand Prix (MicroProse)
 Horse Racing (Context Systems)
 Indoor Sports (Context Systems)
 International Karate Plus (System 3)
 Jack Nicklaus Golf (Accolade)
 James Pond 2: Codename Robocod (Millenium)
 KIM (Lascelles Productions)
 The Legend of Kyrandia (Virgin)
 Mad TV (Softgold)
 Many Roads to Murder (CDTV Publishing)
 MiG-29 Fulcrum (Domark)
 Murder, Anyone? (CDTV Publishing)
 Murder Off Miami (Domark)
 'Nam: 1965-1975 (Domark)
 Pacmania (Domark)
 Pinball Dreams (21st Century)
 Pinocchio (Giunti Multimedia)
 Plan 9 from Outer Space (Gremlin)
 Pool (Virgin)
 Private and Confidential: KGB (Virgin)
 Pro Tennis Tour II (Ubisoft)
 Putty (System 3)
 Rainbow Collection Platform Arcade (Ocean)
 Reach for the Skies (Virgin)
 Sign of Four (On-Line)
 Sim Earth Planet Simulator (Ocean)
 Space Quest III (Sierra)
 Spy vs. Spy (CDTV Publishing)
 The Terminator (Bethesda Softworks)
 Thexder (Sierra)
 Trump Castle (Capstone)
 Turrican (Rainbow Arts)
 Universal Monsters (Ocean)
 Unreal (UBI Soft)
 Wayne Gretzky Hockey 2 (Bethesda Softworks)
 Wing Commander (Mindscape)

Did they or didn't they? Only Commodore knows for sure on these three games.

All were slated for CDTV release, but lack of hard info in one case and inability to find the publisher in the others conspire to leave these games in no-man's land.

Cubulus/Magic Serpent (Software 2000): Like Shiftrix/Lettrix (see below), this duo was slated for release only in Germany.

Hard words for the Amiga game archivist: Germany's a whole separate world

where the Amiga is concerned, and the language barrier sometimes prevents games from escaping the continent.

However, since they did surface on disk, we have an inkling of what they must be like on CD. Both appear to be commercial products, but, as with Lettrix, that distinction seems to have blurred, and they've found their way into various PD libraries. Cubulus (which actually appeared as a cover disk on a European Amiga mag) is the work of Tobias Richter, celebrated for his Star Trek animations and game. It's a colorful turn on Rubik's Cube games. Magic Serpent's a bright, colorful snake game with a twist: You don't have full control over the snake... and it's very fast.

Future Wars: Adventures in Time (Interplay): I never could nail down to my satisfaction whether or not this first Cinemathique adventure surfaced on CDTV. Interplay does indeed list the game -- equally enjoyed and howled-over in the disk-based version for its dust-speck sized objects -- as one of its two CDTV releases. CBM did include it in the company's two CDTV catalogs. And CDTV retailers in the UK suggest it may have surfaced in Germany.

But I've never seen it, and, as in so many cases with CDTV, seeing is believing. If it did come out, Future Wars CDTV was to have had a full musical soundtrack (an element notably missing from the disk game).

Shiftrix/Lettrix (Software 2000): Like Cubulus/Magic Serpent (see above), this two-pack of Tetris variants was planned as a Germany-only release. And, again, I can't absolutely vouch for its existence.

I can't even describe Shiftrix. However, Lettrix turned up under the PD/shareware banner in Europe in 1990 - with one of those "released by" intro text scrollers which suggests it was a pirated commercial property instead. It's not Tetris with letters; it's much closer in concept to games like Shapes. (You plug Tetris-like pieces into letter-shaped frameworks.)

1.58 IPISA 96 -- Sixth Edition

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IPISA 96 -- Sixth Edition

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Yes, in Italy it has become a kind of Christmas tradition: turkey, gifts and IPISA. This year, the biggest Amiga developer-oriented conference in Italy was held on November, 30 in the familiar ISU Auditorium that, despite all the doom and gloom that can be found in the c.s.a.* newsgroups, was filled with over 430 developers, dealers, journalists and power-users. This means that attendance has grown steadily for the fifth consecutive edition!

The Proceedings and some gifts

All participants received a 60-pages booklet with the conference proceedings (entirely produced with LaTeX on the Amiga) and *three*

CD-ROMs. The first of them, produced by the IPISA committee, contained stuff related to the presentations made at the conference in the current and previous editions, several recent large distributions (Fred Fish's ADE, Linux and NetBSD for the Amiga) and many other files, documents, and archives useful to developers (mainly definitions of standards, FAQs etc.). The other two CDs were generously donated by Cloanto Italia of Personal Paint fame: no less than the complete Personal Suite 6.4 CD and the famous Kara Font Collection! Also, participants received Sun Microsystem's "Java" white papers (100 pages of interesting half-marketing/half-development ramblings), free copies of the leading Amiga magazines in Italy, special offers and discounts from several dealers and so on.

Starting Talks

After long pilgrimages to the conference's bar (due to the abundant snowfall of the morning), the crowded hall could assist to the first presentations. After a brief introduction by Sergio Ruocco, chairman of the organizing committee, Vittorio Calzolari delighted the attendance reporting his experiences with the "Plug'n'pray" feature of a well known operating system. Given the nature of the subject, Vittorio had no problem at reinforcing the idea of everyone in the hall that other computing environment aren't as shiny as the marketing folks would like us to believe.

Games, CD-ROMs and the Amiga Software Industry

Immediately after Vittorio, Francesco Leonardi and Giuliano Pochini presented VoXel, a new graphic rendering engine tailored to draw fast 3D landscapes. The voxel technique, albeit less precise than the more common fractal-based and polygon-based ones, is many times faster, and proves particularly useful in interactive games. The authors are planning to release a spaceship-flight simulator in the first months of 1997.

Another game-centered presentation was the one by Vittorio Ferrari, showing his own VEGA: an engine for "Lucas' Arts"-style adventures. Vittorio showed off a prototype of an adventure built with VEGA, which proved indeed quite nice (a demo should be released in a few months). Luca Danelon and Matteo Forniz gave a talk on their experience in Amiga CD production (they are the people behind the nice "Amy Resource" series), while Andrea Galimberti and Fabio Rotondo presented another adventure construction system called DOOPSI.

While VEGA is script-based and geared to internal use, DOOPSI offers a number of GUI-based editors, thus allowing everybody to produce his own adventure. On the other hand, VEGA offers a few more features, so the competition is open.

The last speaker of the morning was Michele Battilana, head and soul of Cloanto Italia, that presented some data on the evolution of the Amiga market. Michele shocked many people among the attendance when he revealed with a malicious double-click that the (Amiga) program he used to project the slide on the overhead screen, was indeed running on a Win-NT laptop thanks to UAE! The sudden appearance of the NT desktop, however, did not ruin the appetite of the crowd, and access to the refectory required several minutes in the queue (the lunch was included in the admission price

of the conference: around US\$38, DM60).

The Future of IPISA

After the lavish meal, Sergio Ruocco talked about the future of IPISA. In the opinion of the organizing committee, IPISA should open its doors to other "alternative" systems (Linux, BeOS, NetBSD, Java machines and so on) starting from the next edition. The proposal, that gained a less-than-universal consensus, aims at making IPISA a unique forum for "rebels" that don't want to accept Microsoft's "I'll rule the world" attitude. Other goals announced for the next edition were a more significant international presence, both in attendance and in talks, and the extension of the conference to cover two days instead of one.

Java, BeOS and Linux

Marco Zandonadi followed with a short note on Java and its strong influence in reshaping the computer industry, a subject already familiar to many AR readers.

The next presentation was one of the more interesting ones: the first Italian show of the Be-Box and its BeOS. Jean Calmon and Christophe Droulers, both from Be Europe, demoed this very nice system that really amazed the attendants. Seeing four Quicktime movies, two midi streams, two Mandelbrot programs, a 3D rendering manipulated in real time and several other applets all running flawlessly together in the bi-processor Be-Box led several people into unconfessable theft temptations. Looking at BeOS today reminded me of the thrill under my spine that I felt some ten years ago, when I touched for the first time an Amiga. We are lucky, that old spirit was not lost: even in the case of the worst outcome for our beloved Amiga, there will be an heaven for us digital romantics.

After BeOS, Linux took the scene, with a presentation by Carlo Daffara of the latest Amiga release distributed on the IPISA CD.

Speedy Trends: Hardware, PowerPC and 3D Packages

Paolo Canali, undisputed hardware guru, followed with an overview on the advances in digital technology: digital-analog integration, parallel systems, advanced memory subsystems and complex custom chips -- on this latter point, Phase V's announced dates on their dream-chip Caipirinha were judged by Paolo as "optimistic, but not unrealistic".

Unfortunately, Phase V was absent from the conference: Wolf Dietrich was already scheduled for the Amiga Fest in Toronto, and Gerald Carda (Phase V's Technical Director), who was appointed to participate, had grown very sick. So, Jurgen Haage and Michael Rock (from Haage & Partner) took upon them the task of showing off the PowerUp board from Phase V. They demoed a Mandelbrot program, compiled with H&P's StormC 2.0, running on the PowerPC; the gain in speed over the 68060 version was quite evident, even on the Prototype (and slower) PowerUp card. With the new StormC, porting a program to PowerPC is just a matter of selecting an option in a requester: "PowerPC" is listed alongside with "68060", "68040", and so on!

The last presentation was held by Massimiliano Marras, with his Tornado 3D. Tornado is not just yet another raytracer and modeler: its code was finely tuned for the 68040 and 68060, resulting in an impressive speed of the software: what other programs render in 10 seconds, Tornado can in a fraction of a second. The net result, almost miraculous, is that the user can manipulate the previews in real time with the mouse; and we are talking about colour previews (full colour or dithered), with flat or Gouraud shading, transparencies, textures and many other features! Beyond its speed, Tornado 3D has other advantages, but a full review is better left to some more experienced 3D artist. Tornado should be available in a short time, at a price defined by its author as "competitive".

Final Remarks

So ended IPISA 96. It was very heart-warming to see so many Amiga enthusiasts gathered together, as well as seeing the fruits of ongoing development and knowing that we are not left alone in the dark, struggling against monopolists...

It appeared clear from the conference that many routes are opened to the evolution of the Amiga. IPISA 97 will tell us which of them was to be the winning one.

1.59 Java And The Amiga's Future

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 Java: What Role Will it Play in the Amiga's Future?

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For years the Amiga has struggled to establish itself in the world of personal computing. Now a new operating system independent software platform has arisen to challenge Microsoft Windows for dominance of the desktop. This new software platform is Sun Microsystems' Java. Java is not a competing operating system, it is a development platform that allows Java software to run on any operating system that supports a Java run-time environment. If Java is a success it could have a powerful effect on the future of the Amiga. The nature of this effect is not yet clear.

The heart of Java is a powerful object oriented language that is very similar to C++. What makes Java more than just a programming language is the Java Virtual Machine (VM) run time environment. The Java VM simulates a computer in software. A Java VM can be written for current operating systems but the VM environment remains independent of both the host OS and the underlying hardware. Compilers for ordinary computer languages generate executable binary code that is specific to a particular microprocessor and operating system. To make such code portable requires that all platform specific code be rewritten and that the code be recompiled for the new platform. Java compilers, on the other hand, convert source code into Java byte code that can be executed without modification on any machine that has an implementation of the Java Virtual

Machine. The Java VM run-time environment manages all interaction between Java programs and the underlying operating system and hardware. This allows developers to master only one programming environment (the Java VM) and produce code that will run on any Java capable platform.

There are two types of Java programs, internet applets and stand alone applications. Internet applets are small programs that are embedded in web pages and are run on the viewers machine in a secured manner (limited access to system resources i.e. the hard disk) by Java capable browsers. These applets are increasing in popularity and are used to enhance the appearance and/or functioning of a web site. This type of internet use is a natural for Java because the web page author generally has no control over the type of operating system that the viewer is using. For the applet to function only requires that the viewer be using a Java capable browser.

The second type of Java program, stand alone applications, is much more interesting. The Java language and run time environment are sophisticated enough to allow for the creation of any software application that does not require low level operating system or hardware access. This includes most off the usual desktop applications such as word processors or spreadsheets. Stand alone Java applications could be distributed on standard ISO 9660 format CD-ROMs and installed on any Java capable machine, be it Unix, Windows, Mac or Amiga based.

Java does have its down sides and limitations, however. Java is still very new and its development tools are immature compared to those of other languages and platforms. Also programmers have less experience with developing software for Java. These two facts are likely to change rapidly. Developers are adopting Java at an unprecedented rate and Java's similarity to C++ reduces the learning curve.

A second limitation of Java stems from the same source as its greatest strength. Java's portability results from the VM isolating the program from the underlying OS and hardware. This means that Java programs can not fully utilized specific OS or hardware features without sacrificing cross platform portability. Also portability is not perfect because Java run time environments on different platforms do not implement all features in an identical manner.

The third significant limitation of Java is that Java code is not as fast as native code. Java byte code is interpreted and converted into machine code on the fly during program execution by the Java run time environment. For this reason C and C++ code can execute an order of magnitude faster than Java code. One method to speed up Java code that has been introduced is Just in Time (JIT) compilers. JIT compiler interprets byte code during execution like a regular interpreter but the resulting machine code is cached in memory during program executing. If a piece of code is needed a second time the cached machine code is executed. JIT compilers can execute Java code at approximately 50% the speed of native code.

The future may also see static Java compilers for specific platforms. This would allow Java applications to achieve almost C or C++ speed. In my opinion the best option would be a compile on install option. Java byte code could be distributed in a platform independent manner and the individual Java implementations could compile the byte code into native machine code during installation to the hard drive. This method would retain portability and provide good performance. I know of no Java

implementation that supports this feature.

Also as computers continue to improve in speed, the importance of highly efficient code will decrease for most application. C and C++ have already supplanted assembly code for most application development. Even high level languages and authoring systems, such as Visual Basic and AmigaVision, are being used for some professional application development.

Despite its current limitations Java is receiving tremendous support and is being heavily promoted by Sun. Apple, IBM, Microsoft, Novell, Silicon Graphics, Sun and others are all integrating Java run time environments into their OSes. Because of this Java could become the worlds largest software platform. The number of Java capable machines could out number any of the platforms that support it, even Windows. Developers have largely been drawn to DOS and Windows because these two environments were the most wide spread. If in the near future Java becomes dominant will developers switch to give it primary support? This remains to be seen. The first general purpose business applications for Java are already being developed by Corel. Corel Office for Java includes a WordPerfect based word processor, a Quattro Pro based spreadsheet and other applications. The performance, portability and commercial success of this product maybe a critical test of Java.

The uncertain future of both Java and the Amiga make it hard to make any predictions as to how Java will impact on the Amiga. Because the Amiga OS is currently in financial limbo there is no official development of Java for the Amiga. However, an independent project named P' Jami is porting Sun's Java Development Kit and the HotJava web browser. Another group is porting Kaffe a freely distributable Java VM that includes JIT compilation.

If mainstream software applications become available for the Amiga by way of Java it could strengthen the platform by retaining and attracting users. Unfortunately, the speed issue is especially problematic for Amigas because of the relatively slow 68K series processors they use. However, a native PowerPC implementation of a Java run time environment could give excellent performance on a PowerUp card even if the OS has not been completely ported. The wide spread availability of Java applications could also hurt the native Amiga developers who know the machine best and can get the most out of it. If these developers lose their market to Java applications then the Amiga will die as any but a Java host. I doubt the platform would last long on that basis.

If Java succeeds to the extent that some people predict the only applications not written in Java will be speed critical or specialized applications which require specific OS or hardware resources. If this comes to pass, OSes of the future may be judged by their ability to effectively run a Java VM.

For more information:

The Java Web Site: <http://java.sun.com/>

The P'Jami Site: <http://www.sss.co.uk/~nt/hotjava.html>

[Please note that Kaffe is now available through the ADE project. Check Aminet in <ftp://wuarchive.wustl.edu/pub/aminet/dev/ade/kaffe.lha> to experience it for yourself. Also, Finale Development at

<http://www.finale-dev.com> promises a Java implementation and Java-aware browser for the Amiga in the near future. -Jason]

1.60 Review: Aminet 17

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I'm now fully convinced it's a battle of wills. Aminet CDs will continue to come out in direct defiance of magazine reviewers who have already surrendered the battle to try to come up with new, interesting ways to say good things about them. Urban Mueller is rubbing it in, that's all. :)

Actually, Aminet 17 has a merciful enough amount of difference from Aminet 16 to allow me to make at least a few comments. The commercial "coverdisk" package is back in the form of Personal Write. This text editor/word processor was showing its age when it appeared on Cloanto's Personal Suite CD (the only lowlight of that otherwise excellent CD). Now it can only be called an anachronism. Perhaps its most important role on the CD is that you'll click on the "commercial" link in the typically excellent Amigaguide interface and see ads for Cloanto's software line, highlighted by Personal Paint 7 and the Personal Suite CD.

Aminet has received a large influx of mods and picture submissions over the past months, and the bulk of the files are indeed mods, pictures, and demos. As ever, the latest Amiga Reports have been included, and the CD is rounded out with what I can only keep referring to as the collective wisdom of the Amiga community.

Perhaps it's been too long since the Amiga community has been reminded of this, so I'll spell it out explicitly. We are incredibly lucky to have Aminet. Not only is it a huge and reliable resource, but it has organization which is completely alien to the large FTP archives of other platforms. Nowhere else have I seen anything that comes close--not in the huge PC archives, not in the more special interest archives like those for Psion users. The system Aminet is organized on is nothing special: two levels of directory hierarchy, required mini-descriptions, and a catalog of recent files. But it's amazing how nobody else seems to be able to pull this off.

Anyway, enough of that. A new Aminet Set 4 is out, we'll have coverage of that next month. At least those are infrequent enough that I can catch my breath inbetween their issuances...but as Aminet grows, their frequency is becoming more noticable...soon, I'll be at a loss for words on yet another product...

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1.61 Review: FG24

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I drew all sorts of parallels between Elsat and Newtek in the first draft of this review. Newtek started their rise to stardom with the Digi-View slow-scan greyscale video digitizer, and look where they are now. However, then I lost the review in another fine example of why sometimes you want to double-check your filenames before you save...

...so I'll be quicker about it this time. Times have changed and the Digi-View, while still charming to some, has had its run. A new breed of video digitizer is here from Elsat of Poland. The FG24 (or Pro-Grab RT as it is known in some markets, but we'll call it the FG24 here) offers realtime 24-bit video snapshotting from a composite or S-Video/SCART (depending on your locale) input.

The FG24 is an unassuming grey box with a parallel interface port, one or two video input ports (S-Video/SCART is an option), and a couple of LEDs. It draws power from a separate power supply, which you'll have to provide your own of if you're outside Europe. It's a fairly common spec: 9 V, at least 700 mA of current. (Elsat reports that one of their users told them they got by with 500 mA, but it's not recommended.) I used a full 1 A adapter, so no problems here.

Hooking up the FG24 is very simple. A parallel cable is included, or if you're using the A1200 PCMCIA option, you simply plug that in. Connect your video source and power supply, and that's it.

The software is easy to install off the single floppy, and contains online documentation only, which is decently written and adequate but not extravagant. (AmigaGuide format only.)

There are two ways to drive the FG24--through the custom software included on disk, and through the "ProGrab RT" GIO driver included with Photogenics 1.2 and up. Personally, I find the Photogenics interface to be superior, because PGX is a full-featured image processing program and you'll be likely to want to tweak your image once it's grabbed.

In case you're not a Photogenics user, though, you'll have to get familiar with the FG24 software. I did, using the CD32 "no disc in drive" animation

through the S-Video port to get acclimated to the way the FG24 software operates. The basic process is this: You pre-select the video type and resolution you'll be grabbing, then go to the preview/grab screen (which uses overlaid screens so is not very graphic-board compatible, another good argument for using the Photogenics grabber). You hold down the mouse button to start viewing the small greyscale previews of the video being fed to the FG24. When you see what you like, just let go and the grab is made.

You can then save off the 24-bit buffer for later manipulation in an image processor, or make some rudimentary adjustments from the FG24 software. I recommend the former, since the options are not as well documented as they might be.

I noticed that most grabs came out needing a slight color correction from the actual video signal, easily done in an image processor. The grabs themselves were of impeccable quality most of the time, although there was the occasional line static on some grabs.

The PCMCIA option allows you to digitize, at a low rate of speed, live video. It even allows synching with a digitizer for included sound. Neat, but it's rather RAM hungry.

The FG24 is a high-class device. Using the Photogenics loader is the way to really get the most out of it, but if you can't just be sure you save off the FG24 image as a 24-bit buffer and load it into your image processor of choice. If you're looking for a step up from a Digiview or the like, or simply are looking to get high-quality video scans on your Amiga, professionally or as a hobby, give the FG24 serious consideration.

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1.62 Review: Personal Paint 7

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For the past few years, Personal Paint has been surreptitiously establishing itself as the premier Amiga paint package for non-truecolor (24-bit) applications. With the release of PPaint 7, they've sealed it.

Cloanto's Personal Paint is not just distinguished by the fact that it has outlasted the former crown princes of paint on the Amiga, DPaint and Brilliance, although it certainly has. It's carved out a special place by offering a very complete set of features, putting it at a reasonable price,

and wrapping all of that in true-to-form great Cloanto packaging. :)

It's a bit of an inside joke now that any Cloanto product has to have eye-catching packaging. Earlier PPaints shipped in full-color binder/manual combinations with full-color disk labels. But PPaint 7 is a CD-ROM, and not just any regular CD-ROM but a Mini-CD, a format usually reserved for promotional CD audio singles. It's a perfectly valid data format, however, and was perfect for the space needs of PPaint 7 (just under 60 megs, the maximum of the mini-CD format). This, I believe, makes it the smallest piece of Amiga software ever shipped, since a Mini-CD takes up less area than even a single floppy disk. The small folding holder it comes in is quite nice, and was given out on bright red ribbons at the Computer '96 show in Cologne. Most CD-ROM drives have grooves in their trays to allow for mini-CDs, if yours doesn't or you use a CD caddy system, you can get an adapter from Cloanto or elsewhere.

But the painting's the important part. Cloanto's PPaint 7 is fully RTG capable, and most particularly is CyberGraphX aware and can exploit it to the fullest, including taking advantage of CyberGraphX to make PPaint 7 totally chip-RAM free, if desired. PPaint 7, like its predecessors, does more than just basic image conversion, allowing you to load and save in a variety of formats, but it provides for some image processing as well. And PPaint 7 allows the creation of the Latest Big Thing in Internet graphics, namely GIF Animations.

Getting PPaint 7 installed is a snap. Actually, you don't have to even bother if you prefer, since PPaint 7 will load directly from CD. If not, there's a standard Installer program (strangely holed away in a subdirectory on the CD) which will throw the program onto a hard drive for you.

The documentation, as should be no surprise by now, is entirely online in AmigaGuide format. You can almost always pull up an index of links in the document, making it easier to find what you're looking for. The manual does show some vestiges of older versions (including references to backing up disks, etc.) but has been updated to reflect the new version's features.

PPaint's drawing interface reflects the generally accepted ways to work in a modern paint program, so there is not a high learning curve if you are unfamiliar with PPaint. Some of the menu options could be more logically laid out, but my suspicion is that they've been placed where they are to more closely resemble DPaint than anything else. My major complaint is that the screenmode is not set under "Graphics", but instead in the image's characteristics.

What impresses me most about PPaint is the its breadth. Typically, DPaint and Brilliance advocates expounded on one or two characteristics that they excelled at, but without which they'd be happy to leave their program. PPaint offers the features of image converter and processor as well as painter and animator. PPaint 7 has integrated ARexx support with a number of built-in scripts. Among other things, this means that PPaint can be used in tandem with, say, ImageFX to create some absolutely stunning images and animations. IFX's strong point is image processing, not drawing, although in a pinch it can be used as such. Adding PPaint to the equation opens things up much wider.

Nobody's perfect, of course. PPaint does not have the same "power at your

fingertips" feel of Brilliance's custom GUI, which seemed to make everything an icon click or two away. The features are there in PPaint, they're just t If you're a TrueBrilliance user, you may have to stick to your guns, or investigate XiPaint 4, since PPaint will not indulge a desire to paint in HAM modes.

Most new Amiga owners should at least have a passing familiarity with PPaint, as it was part of AT's bundle program. Others may have first encountered PPaint in the Personal Suite CD-ROM. For these users, PPaint is worth the upgrade for the added RTG capabilities and the added animation capabilities. PPaint is fully 060 compatible, and the chip RAM independence means it will work properly on Dracos.

If you've not yet used PPaint, it would be worth your while to investigate your options. PPaint is actively and aggressively supported by Cloanto, not a product at the end of its lifecycle, unsupported by a disinterested company. For the US\$75 or so it will run you, you'll gain a lot in power, capabilities, and peace of mind.

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1.63 Review: System Booster

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It seems like there's no shortage of freely available utilities and tools to enhance your Amiga experience. To prove the point, Schatztruhe compiled System Booster, a CD with around 600 megs of programs to do everything from hard drive salvage to kill viruses. Much of the software is unarchived on the CD, ready to run.

System Booster was actually intended to be the third "issue" in Schatztruhe's "Amiga CD-Sensation" series, which consisted of CDs in plastic sleeves attached to magazine-sized sheets of cardboard. The first, Demos are Forever and Golden Games, were actually sold through conventional magazine distribution channels as an experiment. Unfortunately, the experiment did not go all that well, so after System Booster returned from CD duplication, the CD-Sensation line was scrapped. System Booster is sold in a typical jewel case through the regular Amiga channels.

The documentation for the CD itself is provided in both English and German,

and an AmigaGuide interface catalogues the CD's contents, and more importantly, has links to all of the documentation for all of the unarchived software, which is a very useful feature if you're trying to decide which tool you want to install on your machine next.

As general-interest Amiga software CD compilations go, this one is pretty good by all accounts. The variety of software is thorough, there is a nice amount of good quality fonts, who all have previews directly loadable through the AmigaGuide interface, and the installation is easy--you're advised to use the "assigns" icon so that most everything can directly run from CD, but using the "colors" is optional.

The most notable omission would have to be a search utility. This is not an unforgivable problem, but it's an oversight.

The collection of software is, on the whole, recent enough to make owning the CD valuable, although you may want to check Aminet for updates to programs you find you like. Of course, it's not exactly going to be shocking when I point out that this software's origin was, by and large, Aminet itself, so if you're an Aminet completist and are comfortable navigating through the Aminet Sets and the Aminet itself, System Booster may not be necessary to have.

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1.64 Review: Wordworth Office CD

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Finally, somebody's done the blatantly obvious.

For years now, ever since it became very clear that Amiga software on CD was a very reasonable, inexpensive, and easily distributable method of getting quality products to customers, both members of the Final Writer and Wordworth camps have tried to convince Softwood and Digita, respectively, that what would REALLY make good sense would be for the companies to release "Office" CD-ROMs, in the same vein as Microsoft Office, full of their entire business software libraries.

The closest I've seen for Softwood's titles have been dealers who sold Final Writer, Final Data, and Final Calc as bundles at a package discount.

Digita, however, has done the obvious thing, and stuffed Wordworth 6, Datastore 2, Organiser 2, and Money Matters 4 onto a CD-ROM.

Reviews of these titles as independent entities have been done elsewhere, and it is true enough that the "upgrade" element to Wordworth 6 from 5 is fairly limited.

However, the bundle is what's on trial here, so to speak. Digita will sell you Wordworth 6 separately for UKP40 (Or roughly US\$65, make allowances for small distribution markups and such.) However, for an extra UKP 10 (US\$16 or so), you can have the Office CD. Not too shabby...

Wordworth, as Digita claims, is the world's most popular Amiga word processor. This is not entirely surprising since Digita was able to close a deal with AT to put Wordworth on all of its Amigas, and have been selling their product for years now. In version 6, users are treated to new drawing tools, expanded RTF support (to link Wordworth documents to the rest of the world, so to speak), and an expanded base of ARexx commands. The functional engine of Wordworth is still the rather solid foundation of Wordworth 5. Wordworth supports integration with TurboCalc for importing tables directly from the spreadsheet program, and offers more than a basic set of word processor features.

For a long-time member of the Final Writer camp, WW is not all that much of a departure. The interfaces are different, but not so far as to cause panic. Both have been closely competitive for some time, and each has their individual advantages over the other. But for text layout and creation, you'll hardly notice the difference--drag and drop, auto correct, they're all there. For my purposes, I notice that WW 6 has what Final Writer dropped: a simple Statistics calculator. (Final Writer now sports a very complex document statistics option, which calculates the grade level you're writing at by a variety of methods. This is actually nice to know, but changes the process of just counting lines and paragraphs into something that takes a measurable amount of time, rather than a more or less instantaneous answer.) FW does have the notable advantage of a grammar checker.

Wordworth goes out of its way to help you find a suitable printer, and comes with presets for a large number. The online documentation is supplied in text and AmigaGuide format at the press of a button, and is broken down into digestible pieces, including lists of new features in the last few versions.

If you've got an AT-era Amiga, you should have at least a passing familiarity with Datastore and Organiser. Organiser is just that: a personal "keep your appointments, dates, and phone numbers" straight utility, in the tradition of On the Ball and countless others. Organiser is very attractive and easy to navigate, but I prefer my Psion.

Datastore is a simple (non-relational) database program. A number of very attractive (For database files, anyway) examples are included to give you the general idea. Datastore hasn't seen much significant improvement since 1994, but it's a solid application.

Money Matters 4. This program is heavily aimed at British consumers, so I don't think my insight will be too valuable. There are good tips for

anybody who has bills to pay, and you might actually be able to get acceptable results by pretending that you're really talking about your local unit of currency, but it'll be an adventure.

The good news is that all of the applications except MM 4 appear stable in an 060/CyberGraphX environment, and typically will run with anywhere from 1 to 3 megs of RAM at full capacity. Money Matters seems unable to remember its RTG screenmode setting, and when exiting likes to crash. The bad news is that the installer program is not quite as respectful of the "Expert" option as one might hope. Specifically, if you have multiple SYS: assigns, it will pick the first one, and if that partition is full, the installation aborts. It would have been far better to respect "Expert" and prompt for drawers for system files such as the fonts the programs like to install.

The Wordworth Office is available in both German and English. The price makes it almost silly not to pick up the Office CD over the regular WW 6 if you have the choice. Upgrades are offered from earlier versions of Wordworth.

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1.65 Review: Chaos Engine 2

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There was a time when eagerly-awaited games were nothing special. Every couple of weeks, the games community would hold its collective breath as the release of another blockbuster title loomed, only to forget it moments after it actually arrived, in favour of the next Big Thing. Sadly, Big Things aren't that common these days, but there's always the odd glimmer of hope, and this time it's in the shape of The Chaos Engine 2 (TCE2).

The Bitmap Brothers were the original "pop star" programmers, regularly pictured looking moody and wearing shades. For a while, they more or less dominated the 16-bit games market with classics such as Xenon, Gods and Cadaver. Classy graphics, stomping music by some of the industries best, and gameplay at a tangent to the norm added the Bitmaps to the Amiga Hall of Fame. The Chaos Engine was their last hit; an odd combination of puzzles and killing, with most people either loved or loathed.

TCE2, like its older brother, is inherently a two-player game. When playing solo, the computer takes over as the other character, reacting intelligently to your actions. However, whereas the original game had the computer helping you out, TCE2 sets you against the Amiga player.

You have a choice of 4 characters for yourself and your opponent; all with the expected strengths and weaknesses in terms of speed, weapon and intelligence. Then it's off into the arenas, in a straight contest for points. Every level has set challenges and puzzles - kill this, pick up that, push the other and so on; nothing so taxing you'll be there for hours trying to work out what to do. Of course, there are the usual array of creatures in your path to stop you, but they can soon be dispatched with a blast or two from your weapon.

Every monster killed, lock opened or puzzle solved earns the player points, and it's the one with the most points at the end of the level that wins. Lose, and it's minus one life and back for another try. Win, and it's onto the next level, with a possible weapon upgrade or an extra life if you earned enough points.

The levels themselves are roughly similar in design and appearance to the first game, although not nearly as complicated. As you would expect from the Bitmaps, the graphics are absolutely superb, with a fine eye for detail and imagination. The music is strange atmospheric stuff, which changes depending on the current state of play, but never actually gets in the way of the sound effects.

If it were just running around, picking up keys and opening locks to gain points, TCE2 would come off worse in comparison with its prequel. It doesn't have the same puzzle-solving element, and is lacking in atmosphere - and originality - by comparison. The big difference is in the computer player. By pitting you against the computer, you now have a much deadlier enemy; one who doesn't want to kill you, just to beat you. Stand around doing nothing, and your opponent will quiet happily complete the level by himself, scooping all the points and losing you lives. It learns by mistakes. Employ the tactic of waiting for him to pick up all the required items before beating him up and stealing them all might end up in him doing the same to you next level. All of this greatly extends the games lifetime - each game is rarely the same, because the computer might try something different this time. You might even end up shouting "I saw that key first you #@%!" at your poor Amiga, which may cause distress to close relatives.

TCE2 doesn't install on a hard drive, which is surely just laziness on the coders' part. Apart from this, TCE2 is a triumph; a perfect arcade game that combines action with intelligence. If you liked the original, you'll already have bought the sequel. Even if you didn't enjoy the original Engine, TCE2 offers an insight of what the Amiga does best - a playable, addictive game with just a little bit of thought required.

Pros: Clever and well-drawn graphics, and thoughtfully created levels result in a game you enjoy competing against. The computer opponents are truly intelligent, but never unfair. A rare two-player that works just as well with only one human.

Cons: No HD install. Sometimes just a bit difficult to work out what is required to complete a level. May cause you to shout at inanimate objects.

The Chaos Engine II is published by Renegade software.
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1.66 Review: CD32 ProModule

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About two and a half years ago, I conducted a lengthy review of the CD32's first commercial expansion unit, the SX-1. Produced by Paravision after the company acquired MicroBotics, the SX-1 brought a number of features to the CD32 that were just waiting to be exploited in its Amiga architecture--a serial port, parallel port, IDE controller, external floppy port, RGB out, PC keyboard port, and SIMM slot, to name the most important features. It made it to market, sold quite a few units, and allowed such Amiga based devices as the MagicBox to be born.

The SX-1 was not without its problems, however. It increased the CD32's footprint by about 50%, an unwieldy L shaped monster. The RGB port was positioned in such a way that if you used a silver box VGA adapter, the power cable was a tight fit into the CD32. If you hooked up a hard drive, you were pretty sure to have power problems if you had a SIMM or external floppy as well, requiring you replace your CD32 power supply. And worst of all, the SX-1's physical connection to the CD32 was VERY precarious, so that the slightest nudge could be enough to crash the machine and require you jostle around with the SX-1 to get the connection solid again.

Of all the complaints filed against the SX-1, this last was the most severe. People wondered why the SX-1 wasn't built to sit UNDER the CD32, which seemed to make a lot more sense. Paravision, and then their absorbing creditor, Hi-Tech Components, made vague promises of a future 030-based CD32 expansion which would fix all these problems. But this has never happened. Somebody--Elsat of Poland, to be specific--did something about it.

The CD32 ProModule is a black metal enclosure, with the footprint of the CD32 and about half the height. Some units come with a front-facing built-in floppy drive (double density, much like the modified PC drives used by AT in A1200s and A4000Ts). On the back of the unit is the physical connector for the unit, a power socket for an external power supply (if necessary, Elsat only recommends it if you fully load the unit with peripherals), the RGB port, and the external floppy port. There is also a memory-disable switch to kill the installed SIMM for picky games.

Along the left edge (underneath the CD32's joystick/AUX ports) are the 25-pin serial and parallel ports, as well as a 5-pin AT Keyboard port.

So far, so good. If you remove the top of the ProModule's case, you're

treated to the underside of the ProModule's PCB, where there is the barest minimum of user-servicable components--a SIMM slot, where you can install a SIMM up to 8 megs (but a 1 meg SIMM is not allowed--odd, but true), the floppy drive and connector, the IDE port and a standard 4-pin power plug, and a few jumpers. The IDE port, mounting space, and power all presume a 3.5 inch IDE drive, which sets the ProModule apart from its counterpart SX-1 and SX32 expansion units which expect more expensive 2.5 inch drives. The ProModule has the real estate for a 3.5 inch drive, so why not use it? The last option is the FPU socket and crystal port. This is the most curious feature of the ProModule, although it is not inconceivable that someone dabbling with rendering or image processing could make use of a ProModule-equipped CD32 for some basic work.

Installation of your options is fairly easy, as the ProModule is held together by a few small screws and the top lifts off without problems. Getting the unit itself mated to the CD32 was actually more challenging than I anticipated, but nowhere NEAR the headaches of the SX-1 or SX32 (the former's problems are outlined above, and the latter requires you open the CD32's case, a scary experience since it's not the most solidly built Amiga on record and parts are scarce). Once connected, it's far more stable than the SX-1, but doesn't have the "solidly bolted in" aspect of the SX32. It's worth noting here that if you're one of the lucky people who has a Commodore FMV module, the ProModule provides a passthrough for the unit. We don't have one so we were unable to test this particular feature.

The ProModule is as transparent or as visible as you make it. The memory disable switch is a nice feature, making it the only CD32 expansion with one. (The SX32 lacks a disable switch of any kind, and the "disable" switch of the SX-1 disables just about everything BUT the memory, which was a strange choice since the memory is the #1 cause of CD32 game incompatibilities.) The floppy drive performed adequately, and while Elsat warns of some compatibility problems with trackloaders, Sensible Soccer behaved itself. My Dell HD floppy also spun up and functioned just fine off of the external port.

The AT keyboard performs adequately, but be ready for yet another variation of keyboard layout. The SX-1 mapped the Amiga keys to F11 and F12. Elsat instead maps the Amiga keys to the PC control keys (meaning they're roughly in the "right place" and relegates Control to F11 and F12. It's not a terrible idea, but feels about as clumsy. Fortunately, Elsat tells me they have a 104-key support upgrade chip which presumably is shipping in their newest models.

The documentation of the unit is sufficient, but poorly edited--some text is lost between pages 1 and 2 of the manual, and text is lost between pages 3 and 4 as well.

Stacking the ProModule up against the competition:

It's pretty clear that the ProModule supercedes the SX-1. It provides the same functionality, but better, in a more stable fashion with extra features.

Compared to the original SX32, they are close to being in the same league--
ProModule Advantages: 3.5 inch IDE HD, built-in floppy, memory disable, FMV passthrough

SX32 Advantages: Built-in VGA (15 pin) output, entire unit contained inside

the CD32 for transportability and aesthetic value. Of course, you can put a silver box on a ProModule, just as you can any regular Amiga 23 pin port, but the SX32's built in adapter is a good idea.

It's not quite fair to compare the ProModule to the new SX32 Pro, which boasts an 030/50 accelerator, since we have not yet actually reviewed the SX32 Pro. Clearly, that sets it a breed apart.

If you're a SX32 user, then, you may want to think twice about making the switch to the ProModule. However, if you're a disgruntled SX-1 user or have not yet realized the full potential of your CD32, the ProModule is worth some very serious consideration.

Elsat's current pricing: ProModule, with built-in double density floppy, is \$229.00 to the US, including international shipping. Prices elsewhere in the world may vary, contact your distributor or Elsat for details.

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| animdtc015.lha | util/dtype | 20K | 1+ | IFF ANIM DataType V1.5, now with sou |
| MiamiMonitor10.lha | comm/tcp | 10K | 0+ | Packet monitor for Miami 1.9.3 (regg |
| FastExec25.lha | util/boot | 28K | 0+ | Moves exec.library to fast memory |
| MUI-IControl.lha | util/wb | 45K | 0+ | IControl prefeditor with extra featu |
| akGIF-Note.lha | util/dtype | 1K | 0+ | AkGIF-dt *INFORMATION* (GIF, 68000-0 |
| filmdtc014.lha | util/dtype | 50K | 1+ | IFF FILM DataType V1.4 |
| mwm212.lha | comm/www | 204K | 1+ | Magic Web Maker v2.12. (3.x OS only) |
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| ManiacBall.lha | game/misc | 448K | 0+ | A multiplayer Breakout game V1.4 |
| Graal2a.lha | game/role | 341K | 14+ | Graphic Adventure Authoring Language |
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| RabbitIcons1.lha | pix/mwb | 1.6M | 54+ | MagicRabbits ICON/Pattern collection |
| FlashFind1.2.lha | util/cli | 12K | 53+ | Faaast text search tool (2.5MB in 10 |
| ReqToolsUsr.lha | util/libs | 167K | 1+ | ReqTools 2.8 - the requester toolkit |
| Hydrocis19.lha | game/think | 194K | 53+ | V1.9, with real time water simulatio |
| PPaint7_Demo.lha | biz/cloan | 540K | 5+ | Cloanto Personal Paint 7 Demo Softwa |
| amis_html.lha | comm/www | 17K | 3+ | WYSIWYG HTML editor for AMIS. |
| BlobzHD.lha | game/demo | 657K | 11+ | 'Blobz' Playable demo (AGA+Hard disk |
| PacMan96.lha | game/misc | 571K | 5+ | Superb PacMan-Clone, systemfriendly |
| aplay221.lha | mus/play | 659K | 3+ | APlayer - An allround Amiga music pl |
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| MiamiMonitor12.lha | comm/tcp | 13K | 0+ | Packet monitor for Miami 2.0 (regged) |
| CGraphX221u.lha | gfx/board | 370K | 0+ | CyberGraphX Extension Update V2.21 |
| AmNet12b.lha | comm/misc | 86K | 0+ | MAJOR FIXES! Unrestricted Internet O |
| v2600.lha | misc/emu | 115K | 0+ | Atari 2600 emulator for fast AGA Ami |
| tiny3d.lha | game/shoot | 77K | 0+ | Tiny 3D Tankshooter V0.1 (ECS/AGA/GF |
| ifcheck.lha | comm/tcp | 8K | 0+ | Check status of SANA-II interface un |
| htmless.lha | text/hyper | 15K | 0+ | V2.4 Converts HTML files to ASCII te |

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| tgz10se.lha | util/arc | 64K | 0+TGZ - Tar Archiver and GZIP in one S |
| CyberAVI18.lha | gfx/show | 72K | 0+AVI animation player for CyberGraphX |
| SpodRacer.lha | game/2play | 1.1M | 0+A fun MultiPlayer Racing Smash-um-up |
| ttviewer.lha | gfx/board | 238K | 0+Viewer for Picasso2 & CyberGraphX v. |
| MemFo.lha | util/sys | 9K | 0+A replacement for the Avail command. |
| muu.lha | util/rexx | 20K | 0+Decodes a dir of UU/base64 coded fil |
| SView.lha | gfx/show | 922K | 0+SuperView V5.72 + Library 15.12 (30. |
| Kewl_WB.jpg | pix/wb | 371K | 0+A snapshot of my Workbench running Wi |
| PicConvert.lha | gfx/conv | 834K | 0+MultiGfx Converter V2.0. Uses NetPBM |
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| mpvdtc017.lha | util/dtype | 183K | | 0+MPEG video datatype V1.7 |
| akJFIF43x.lha | util/dtype | 203K | | 0+AkJFIF-dt V43.26 (JPEG, 68000-060) |
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| qt13.lha | gfx/show | 251K | | 0+QuickTime player for AGA/CyberGFX. V |
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| twilight.lha | util/wb | 380K | | 0+The supreme WB enhancement system. |
| AROS-m68k-bin.lha | misc/emu | 141K | | 0+AROS 1.10b - Amiga Replacement OS (A |
| New8n1.lha | comm/misc | 72K | | 0+Replaces serial.device. V37.30 |
| MPEGAPlayer.lha | mus/play | 65K | | 1+MPEG audio DeliTracker player V1.4 6 |
| WebDesign13j.lha | comm/www | 208K | | 0+Web Design1.3j html/frames authoring |
| mcx263.lha | util/cdity | 78K | | 0+Multi Function Commodity |
| PortDiag.lha | hard/hack | 10K | | 1+CIA & other hardware diagnostics |
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| GfxLab24-181.lha | gfx/conv | 619K | | 17+GfxLab24 v1.8.1. Image Processing pr |
| AlgoMusic1_8.lha | mus/misc | 1.2M | | 2+Creates algor. techno tunes. A must- |
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| Patch2AmiTCP43.lha | biz/patch | 514K | | 44+Patch AmiTCP/IP 4.1/4.2 to AmiTCP/IP |
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| airTaxi.lha | game/2play | 334K | | 74+AirTaxi demo v1.4 (25mhz, 1m req). F |
| soliton110.lha | game/think | 112K | | 0+Solitaire card game, V1.10 (MUI) |
| NewAvail_1.07.lha | util/sys | 4K | | 3+Commodore's avail replacement. V1.07 |
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| StormC_Demo1_1.lha | biz/demo | 1.2M | 26+StormC (Demo): ANSI C & C++ Developm |
| RushHour13.lha | game/misc | 237K | 0+Switch traffic lights, Version 1.3 |
| Mines-mgsw.lha | game/think | 58K | 3+The Minesweeper game V2_00 !!!! |
| ML11.lha | gfx/misc | 12K | 88+MagicLayers- moves/sizes windows rea |
| mv_os2_x.lha | util/sys | 75K | 0+OS 2.x MultiView replacement - now w |
| AmTelnet11.lha | comm/tcp | 137K | 1+AmTelnet - Telnet Client (ANSI/VT100 |
| bsii10_2.lha | game/2play | 670K | 4+BattleShipsII v1.0 [2/3] |
| bsii10_3.lha | game/2play | 452K | 4+BattleShipsII v1.0 [3/3] |
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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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If you have any questions, you can write to
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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):

Australia

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http://ArtWorks.apana.org.au/AmigaReport.html  
http://www.deepwoods.saccii.net.au/ar/menu.html  
http://www.livewire.com.au/amiga/cucug/ar/ar.html (w/search and mail)  
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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1. Please use English.
2. Please use paragraphs. It's hard on the eyes to have solid screens of text. If you don't know where to make a paragraph break, guess.
3. Please put a blank line in between paragraphs. It makes formatting the magazine much much easier.
4. Please send us your article in ASCII format.

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1.76 CalWeb

CalWeb: The Home of the Amiga Zone!

AMIGA ZONE MOVES TO CALWEB!

THE AMIGA ZONE MOVES FROM PORTAL TO CALWEB INTERNET SERVICES

For over ten years the Amiga Zone has been an online resource, home, community, oasis, for Amiga owners.

For over ten years I've made my living running the Zone and supporting Amiga users all over the USA, Canada, and the world.

Five years ago when American People/Link pulled their own plug, we had to find the Zone a new home and we found a good one on the Portal Online System.

Well, it's happened again.. Portal has informed all of its customers that its ten year history as an online service and Internet provider is coming to an end on Sept. 30, 1996. This is very sad, it's short-notice, and the decision is completely out of my control, but it's also irreversible.

Portal is changing its entire business plan from being an ISP to selling an accounting system to other online services.

So be it. It's sad, but like I said, the Zone went through this before and now we'll go through it again, and come out the other side better and wiser.

THE AMIGA ZONE IS MOVING TO CALWEB INTERNET SERVICES.

CalWeb (<http://www.calweb.com>) is a two year old Internet provider located in Sacramento, CA. It has a good sized customer base, and very knowledgeable support staff.

It's also run by a long time Amiga owner who has been a friend of mine for many years.

The world of modeming has changed much in the last ten years. In 1985 you had very few choices and you had 1200 baud. These days, everyone and his dog has an ISP running and a web page

But the vast majority of those providers don't know an Amiga from a hole in the ground, and could care less about Amiga owners. Say "AWeb" or "IBrowse" to them and they'll say "Omega? Amoeba? What? Huh? They still make those things?"

CalWeb is different because it's the new home of the Amiga Zone.

In October 1996, a new custom front-end menued system will be added to CalWeb to host the Zone. It'll have features for Zone users that neither Plink nor Portal ever had nor were they willing to add.

The tradition of a friendly online Amiga community, run by long time Amiga owners, users and lovers will continue.

Message bases, huge file libraries (we plan to move over the 20,000+ files we have on the Zone on Portal to CalWeb, MANY of which you'll never see on Aminet or anywhere else), live nightly chats, vendor support and our famous prize contests will continue.

We've given away tens of thousands of dollars worth of Amiga prizes in the last ten years. No one else even comes close.

I urge any and all of you who were on Plink, or who are now on Portal or who may have left Portal.. or even if you were never on either but used or still use another online service to join CalWeb for the Amiga Zone. I personally promise you the best online Amiga community we can possibly

build. You will not be disappointed.

CalWeb has arranged a special signup offer for you!

Call:

1-800-509-9322

or

1-916-641-9320

or telnet to calweb.com, login as "guest", and follow the prompts.

You can join CalWeb for US\$19.95 flat, a month.

CalWeb takes major credit cards or you can establish a monthly invoiced account if you don't have plastic.

The signup is FREE.

To get this deal you must say "THE AMIGA ZONE SENT ME" when you call or signup online.

I hope to see lots of you join CalWeb. You can telnet into it from anywhere for no hourly charges at all. Your \$19.95/mo fee covers everything and also gets you ten meg of storage which includes hosting your own personal web page. Naturally, when the Zone opens there, you'll have unlimited use of all of its features and areas. Never a "money meter" clock to worry about.

Your personal or business CalWeb Web pages are maintained by you via FTP. It's pretty slick. You can make a net connection to the server with any Amiga FTP client, put your files onto it, the permissions are automatically set (no "chmod-ing" required!) and flip to your running browser and see the changes instantly.

The Amiga Zone's new home is already up at:

<http://www.amigazone.com>

running on CalWeb's server. Ckeck it out!

Please feel free to write to me at harv@amigazone.com or harv@cup.portal.com if you want more information.

Remember to say "THE AMIGA ZONE SENT ME!" when you join.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Please plan to join us in the Amiga Zone on CalWeb!

1.77 Distribution BBSes - Asia

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-- IRAN --

* MAVARA BBS *
0098 21 8740815

--JAPAN--

* GIGA SONIC FACTOR *
Email: kfr01002@niftyserve.or.jp
+81-(0)564-55-4864

1.78 Distribution BBSes - Australasia

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Distribution BBSes - Australasia
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--NEW ZEALAND--

* BITSTREAM BBS *
FidoNET 3:771/850.0
AmigaNET 41:644/850.0
+64-(0)3-548-5321

--VICTORIA--

* NORTH WEST AMIGA BBS *
mozza@nwamiga.apana.org.au
Fido: 3:633/265.0
BBS Phone/Fax: +61 3 9331 2831

1.79 Distribution BBSes - Europe

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Distribution BBSes - Europe
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-- BELGUIM --

* VIRTUAL VORTEX BBS *
vzpirit@hotmail.com
+32-2-3873391

--DENMARK--

* NEMESIS AMY BBS *
boersting@hoa.ping.dk

Fido: 2:238/43
+45 75-353726

--FINLAND--

* HANG UP BBS * (telnettable)
helpdesk@hangup.dystopia.fi
+358 - 09 - 278 8054

* LAHO BBS *
+358-64-414 1516 +358-64-414 0400
+358-64-414 6800 +358-64-423 1300

* KINDERGARTEN *
matthias.bartosik@hut.fi
+358-0-881 32 36

--FRANCE--

* DYNAMIX BBS *
erlsoft@mcom.mcom.fr
+33.1.48.89.96.66 Minitel to Modem

* RAMSES THE AMIGA FLYING *
Fidonet: 2/320/104-105-106
+33-1-45845623 +33-1-53791200

--GERMANY--

* DOOM OF DARKNESS *
marc_doerre@doom.ping.de
+49 (0)4223 8355 19200
AR-Infoservice, kai@doom.gun.de

* IMAGINE BBS *
Sysop@imagine.commo.mcnet.de
+49-69-4304948
Login: GAST (Download area: "Amiga-Report")

* LEGUANS BYTE CHANNEL *
andreas@lbcmbx.in-berlin.de
49-30-8110060 49-30-8122442
Login as User: "amiga", Passwd: "report"

* REDEYE BBS *
sysop@coolsurf.de
Modem/ISDN: +49-89.54662690
Modem only:+49.89.54662680

* STINGRAY DATABASE *
sysop@sting-db.zer.sub.org.dbp.de
+49 208 496807

* VISION THING BBS *

++49(0)345 663914
System Password: Amiga

--GREECE--

* HELLAS ON LINE *
cocos@prometheus.hol.gr
Telnet: hellas.hol.gr
++301/ 620-6001, 620-6604, 620-9500

* LOGIC SYSTEMS BBS *
Paddy@hol.gr
(301) 983-4645

* ODYSSEY BBS *
odyssey@acropolis.net
Amiganet: 39:250/1.0
++301-4123502 23.00-09.00 Local Time
WWW: www.acropolis.net/~konem/odygb.html

--IRELAND--

* FWIBBLE! *
E-Mail: 9517693@ul.ie
Fidonet: 2:263/900.0
Phone: +353-902-36124 Midnight to 8am (GMT)
Freq "Readme.txt" for details

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* AMIGA PROFESSIONAL BBS *
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* AMIPRO BBS*
+39-49604488

* DB-LINE SRL *
amiga@dbline.it
WWW: www.dbline.it
+39-332-767383

* FRANZ BBS *
mc3510@mclink.it
+39/6/6627667

* IDCMP *
Fidonet 2:322/405
+39-542-25983

* SPEED OF LIFE *
FidoNet 2:335/533
AmigaNet 39:102/12
+39-931-833773

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* AMIGA ONLINE BS HEEMSTEDE *
Email: sysop@aobh.xs4all.nl
FidoNet: 2:280/464.0, 2:280/412.0
+31-23-5471111 +31-23-5470739

* THE HELL BBS *
Email : root@hell.xs4all.nl
FidoNet: 2:281/418.0
+31- (0) 70-3468783

* MACRON BBS HEILOO *
Email: macron@cybercomm.nl
FidoNet: 2:280/134.0
+31- (0) 72-5340903

* TRACE BBS GRONINGEN *
Martin@trace.idn.nl
FidoNET 2:282/529.0
+31- (0) -50-410143

* WILD PALMS *
radavi@xs4all.nl
WWW: www.xs4all.nl/~radavi/wildpalms/wildpalm.html
+31- (0) 30-6037959

* X-TREME BBS *
u055231@vm.uci.kun.nl
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* SILVER DREAM!'S BBS *
+48 91 540431

--PORTUGAL--

* CIUA BBS *
denise.ci.ua.pt
FidoNet 2:361/9
+351-34-382080/382081

--RUSSIA--

* NEW ORDER BBS *
norder@norder.spb.su
FidoNet: 2:5030/221.0
+7-812-2909561

--SPAIN--

* GURU MEDITATION *
+34-1-383-1317

* LA MITAD OSCURA *
jovergon@offcampus.es
Fido: 2:341/35.19
+34-1-3524613

* MAZAGON - BBS - SYSTEMS *
jgomez@maze.mazanet.es
FTP: ftp-mail@ftp.mazanet.es
+34 59 536267
Login: a-report

--SWEDEN--

* CICERON *
a1009@itv.se
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--SWITZERLAND--

* USE COMMUNICATIONS POP ZUG *
wenk@use.ch
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--TURKIYE--

* NEEDFUL THINGS *
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90-216-3629417

--UKRAINE--

* AMIGA HOME BBZ *
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* METNET CCS *
metnet@demon.co.uk
FidoNet: 2:2502/129.0 2:2502/130.0
+44-1482-442251 +44-1482-444910

* OCTAMED USER BBS *
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* SCRATCH BBS *
kccil@solxl.susx.ac.uk
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--YUGOSLAVIA--

* UNIVERSE BBS *
sule@universe.bc.co.ui
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--ARIZONA--

* MESSENGER OF THE GODS BBS *
mercury@primenet.com
602-326-1095

--BRITISH COLUMBIA--

* COMM-LINK BBS *
steve_hooper@comm.tfbbs.wimsey.com
Fido: 1:153/210.0
604-945-6192

--CALIFORNIA--

* TIERRA-MIGA BBS *
torment.cts.com
FidoNet: 1:202/638.0
619.292.0754

* VIRTUAL PALACE BBS *
tibor@ecst.csuchico.edu
916-343-7420

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

--FLORIDA--

* LAST! AMIGA BBS *
(305) 456-0126

--ILLINOIS--

* PHANTOM'S LAIR *
FidoNet: 1:115/469.0
Phantom Net Coordinator: 11:1115/0.0-11:1115/1.0
708-469-9510 708-469-9520

* THE SAGE'S TOWER *
johnh@ezl.com
FidoNet: 1:2250/7
618-259-1844

* STARSHIP CUCUG *
khisel@prairienet.org
(217) 356-8056

* THE STYGIAN ABYSS BBS *
FIDONet-1:115/384.0
312-384-0616 312-384-6250 (FREQ line)

--LOUISIANA--

* The Catacomb *
Geoff148@delphi.com
504-882-6576

--MAINE--

* THE KOBAYASHI ALTERNATIVE BBS *
FidoNet: 1:326/404.0
FTP: ftp.tka.com
(207)/784-2130 (207)/946-5665

--MEXICO--

* AMIGA BBS *
FidoNet 4:975/7
(5) 887-3080

* AMIGA SERVER BBS *
5158736

* TERCER PLANETA BBS *
FX Network 800:525/1
[525]-606-2162

--MISSISSIPPI--

* THE GATEWAY BBS *
stace@technet1.jcte.jcs.mil
FidoNet: 1:3604/60.0
601-374-2697

--MICHIGAN--

* DC PRODUCTIONS *
dcpro!chetw@heifetz.msen.com
616-373-0287

--NEVADA--

* PUP-TEK BBS *
darkwolf@accessnv.com
702-553-2403

--NEW JERSEY--

* T.B.P. VIDEO SLATE *
201-586-3623

* DLTACOM AMIGA BBS *
dltacom.camphq.fidonet.org
Fidonet: 1:2606/216.0
(201) 398-8559

--NEW YORK--

* THE BELFRY(!) *
stiggy@belfry.org
WWW: www.belfry.org
718.793.4796 718.793.4905

--ONTARIO--

* COMMAND LINE BBS *
416-533-8321

* CYBERSPACE *
joehick@ophielia.waterloo.net
(519) 579-0072 (519) 579-0173

* EDGE OF REALITY BBS *

murray.smith@er.gryn.org
Fido: 1:244/320.0
(905) 578-5048

--QUEBEC--

* CLUB AMIGA DE QUEBEC *
Internet: snaclaq@megatoon.com
Voice: (418) 666-5969
(418) 666-4146 (418) 666-6960
Nom d'usager: AMREPORT Mot de passe: AMIGA

* GfxBase BBS*
E-mail: ai257@freenet.hsc.colorado.edu
Fidonet: 1:167/192
514-769-0565

--TENNESSEE--

* AMIGA CENTRAL! *
root@amicent.raider.net
615-383-9679

* NOVA BBS *
FidoNet 1:362/508.0
615-472-9748

--VIRGINIA--

* NETWORK XXIII DATA SYSTEM *
gottfrie@acca.nmsu.edu
804-266-1763
Login: anon Password: nopass

--WASHINGTON--

* FREELAND MAINFRAME *
freemf.wa.com
(360) 412-0228

* PIONEERS BBS *
FidoNet: 1:343/54.0
206-775-7983
Login: Long Distance Password: longdistance Or FREQ: AR.lha

1.81 Distribution BBSes - South America

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--BRAZIL--

* 68000 BBS *
vaclav@centroin.com.br
AmigaNET-BR: 120:5521/1
+55-21-393-4390 [16-06h (-3GMT)]

* LITHIUM SYSTEMS BBS *
pa100137@datacontrol.com.br
051-632-2805 (00:00 - 08:30)

* STUFF OVERLOAD BBS *
dan_cab@lepus.celepar.br
AmigaNET-BR: 120:120/0
+55-41-252-9389

1.82 Dealers - Asia

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nighty@gmatter.japan-online.or.jp

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Fax: (03) 9436 9935
WWW: <http://lion.cs.latrobe.edu.au/~laburacj/amitech.html>
laburacj@lion.cs.latrobe.edu.au

Amilight Pty Ltd
47A Tate Street
South Perth, Western Australia, 6151
Phone: (09) 367 4422
Fax: (09) 3674482
WWW: www.vianet.net.au/~dwark
dwark@vianet.net.au

Amitar Home Computer Systems
Unit 1, 25 Gillim Drive
Kelmescott, WA 6111
Phone: (09) 495 4905
Fax: (09) 495 4905
WWW: <http://crystal.com.au/~amitar/>
amitar@crystal.com.au

Byte One
24 Silverton Drive
Ferntree Gully, VIC 3156
Phone: (03) 9752 3991
gordon@ozramp.net.au

Computa Magic Pty Ltd
44 Pascoe Vale Road
Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039

Phone: (03) 9326 0133
Fax: (03) 9370 8352

Computer Affair
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Willoughby, NSW 2068
Phone: (02) 9417 5155
Fax: (02) 9417 5542
WWW: www.computeraffair.com.au
sales@computeraffair.com.au

Computer Man
611 Beaufort Street
Mt. Lawley, WA 6050
Phone: (09) 328 9062
Fax: (09) 275 1010
WWW: www.iinet.net.au/~cman
cman@iinet.net.au

Desktop Utilities
PO BOX 3053
Manuka, ACT 2603
Phone: (06) 239 6658
Fax: (06) 239 6619
WWW: ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/~dtu
100026.1706@compuserve.com

Don Quixote Software
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Exclusive Computer Systems
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Fax: (047) 215 277
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mother@pnc.com.au

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Phone: (03) 9725 6255
Fax: (03) 9725 6766

Sigmacon
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Miranda, NSW 2228
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Fax: (02) 9549 4554
WWW: www.sigma.com.au

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Phone: (02) 9313 8484

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WWW: www.powerup.com.au/~synapse/
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St. Andrews, Sydney 2566
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96 Bentinck Street
Bathurst, NSW 2795

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