

Following much speculation and anticipation, Acom Computers, in conjunction with TDK, will be giving away a free copy of its new application NewLook to visitors to Acom World 93. NewLook is designed for use with RISC OS 3, and provides the user with a very attractive new Desktop display featuring 3D icons and scroll bars, as well as a textured backdrop for most windows. NewLook also provides replacement template files for the applications in ROM, and those on Application Discs 1 and 2, to give them

Following hot on the heels of Xenon 2, the latest conversion from the GamesWare/Eclipse stable, James Pond 2 - RoboCod, should be on the shelves by the time you read this. Described by many as one of the finest platform games ever, and far better than Sonic, the original James Pond has already sold in excess of half a million

units across the popular formats. James Pond 2 - RoboCod, a massive oceanic adventure, sees Dr Maybe continue his dangerously fishy plans for world domination. Can James Pond, alias RoboCod, thwart his slimy efforts? James Pond 2 - RoboCod costs £25.99 inclusive, and should be available from all good Acom stockists, or else direct from GamesWare at



GUY FAWKES COMES EARLY FOR ARC USERS

Guy Fawkes day will be a week early this year for Acom users. Colton Software is planning to launch Fireworkz, its integrated spreadsheet and word processor, at Acom World 93. Fireworkz combines the full power of Colton's word processor, Wordz, and the only recently released spreadsheet, Resultz. The integration of these applications enables the user to create complex documents and reports containing live charts, data and formulae, all in a fully WYSIWYG environment. Colton Software has designed Fireworkz to be as future-proof as possible; its forthcoming database application, Recordz, due for release during 1994, will plug into Fireworkz, adding further to its functionality.

Fireworkz will sell for £169 ex. VAT, and will be available from Colton Software at stands 46 and 47 at Acom World 93, and afterwards from all good Acom dealers. Users of Wordz and Resultz, who have registered both programs by the time of the show, will receive a free upgrade to Fireworkz. Users of just one of the applications will be able to upgrade at a discounted price. For further information, contact Colton

CHANGING THE WEATHER

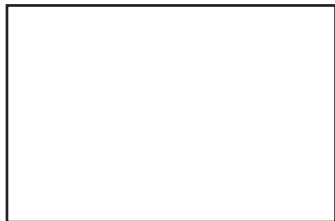
Spacetechnic will be demonstrating new versions of its weather satellite stations and related image processing software at Acom World 93. PDSview has been upgraded to a professional specification, with many new features and a new manual, including 24 bit colour processing and colour separation, support for various graphics and colour cards, and multispectral classification. An allied package, PDSmap, will be shown for the first time. This allows images as large as 150Mb, such as those from SPOT and LANDSAT, to be previewed and processed on the Arc. For information of upgrade paths and prices, contact Spacetechnic at 21 West

TO C OR NOT TO C

RISC Developments has announced the release of Easy C, an easy-to-use C development system aimed at programmers who wish to learn or develop their skills in programming in the C language. Easy C provides a powerful Wimp front end to drive the compiler and linker so no complicated command line sequences need to be remembered. It also supports the Throwback mechanism, so errors can be passed automatically to a compatible text editor for correction in the source code. Easy C costs £49.00 ex. VAT and p&p. For further information, contact RISC

STALLION TO ORGANISE YOUR ACCOUNTS

Stallion Software is developing an enhanced version of its personal organiser application, Almanac, which will allow you to manage your home accounts in addition to your time. The accounts section will handle your cheque books, credit cards and direct debits, as well as reconciling your bank balance at the end of every month. Stallion Software does not yet have a price for this version of Almanac, but you can contact them at Arundel House, Arundel Road,



Digital Services has announced a major upgrade to its popular Squirrel database. Squirrel 2 has 38 separate enhancements over the previous versions including data compression, the ability to store sprites, draw files and text on the backdrop, spreadsheet format editing, subset updating, a new graphing module, and many others. Existing users can upgrade to version 2 for £25, or £35 including the revised manual. Digital Services will also

launch two new products at Acorn World '93. The first is an Ethernet expansion card for the A3000, A3020 and A4000, and incorporates two unique features. Firstly, the computer's CMOS RAM can be password protected, preventing unauthorized personnel from tampering with the configuration, and secondly, the Netgain client software has been included in the ROM, enabling fast application loading when used in conjunction with the Netgain server pack. The card costs £139.00 ex. VAT. The CMOS RAM security system is also available as a separate application called ArmLock. It prevents unauthorized access

to the CMOS RAM and designated files/directories on the hard disc. Both the CMOS RAM and the hard disc can be password protected, although the hard disc does not have to be partitioned into read-only and writable areas as the system utilises file attributes to grant or revoke file access. ArmLock



DESTINATION GERMANY

With the popularity of Acorn computers in Germany, particularly amongst professional users, rapidly increasing, a growing number of companies are launching German versions of their software.

Stallion Software, the company behind Almanac and StrongEd, has launched a German version of StrongEd with the help of the German Archimedes Group, GAG. You can contact them at Arundel House, Arundel Road, Camden, Bath BA1 5JX, tel. 0225 339090, or visit them at stand 56a at Acorn World '93.

4Mation, in association with the German publisher Schnieder & Scholz, is currently working on German versions of Vector, Hatchback, and Chameleon, and plan to tackle Poster, Snippet, Chatter and Noot during the coming year. Full details are available from 4Mation, 14 Castle Park Road, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 8PA, tel. 0271 25353.

Icon Technology has also adapted its range of word processors for the German market. EasiWriter and TechWriter can now perform both spell-checking and hyphenation in

EXPLORE WITH FLOSSY THE FROG

4Mation claims that its latest release, Explore with Flossy the Frog, is an exciting program that children will want to go back to time after time. In a colourful interactive adventure, Flossy travels to nine different locations, with each location containing a number of sub-scenes and activities accessed by clicking of the various objects. Although intended for children up to the age of 8, it's entertaining enough for almost everyone. Explore with Flossy the Frog costs £28.79 inclusive, and is available from 4Mation at 14 Castle Park Road, Barnstaple, Devon EX32 8PA, tel. 0271 25353. 4Mation will be demonstrating a sign language



IT'S REVOLUTIONARY

Morley Electronics has recently released its Revolution CD-ROM system. Developed in conjunction with Sony UK specifically for the Acorn market, the Revolution is suitable for all Acorn computers from the A3000 to the A540. Designed mainly for the educational market, the Revolution uses Acorn's CDFS, supports Kodak multi-session PhotoCDs, can play Replay films at both 12.5fps and 25fps on suitable systems, and can even play your audio CDs, all for only £299.00 ex. VAT. For more information, contact Morley Electronics at Morley



CAN PIGS TALK?

Wyddfa Software, the Welsh-based educational software company, will be demonstrating several of its products at Acorn World '93. Talking Stories is aimed at helping children to read and write, and emphasizes the link between spoken and written words. Talking Pictures is a colouring book with a difference - it talks. It provides young children with an easy and attractive introduction to computing. The Spoken Word is designed to help stimulate an interest in reading and is suitable for National Curriculum English Attainment Targets 1 and 2. For more information, contact Wyddfa Software at 3 Preswylfa, Llanberis, Gwynedd LL55 4LF, tel. 0286



Minerva will be launching two new products at Acorn World '93. The first, PrimeMover, is a sprite animation package that provides more than just a simple frame sequencer. Using a real-time system for all its animation control, PrimeMover allows you to define the relationship between the various elements of the animation, specifying times at which events occur and periods over which movements take place.

Minerva's second new application is Keyboard Trainer, which has been

designed to help you learn to play a MIDI keyboard. As well as more than sixty lessons, Keyboard Trainer also includes nine fun games to develop keyboard skills and note recognition. Although ideal for the classroom, where it fulfils National Curriculum requirements relating to music in the primary sector, it is equally suitable for home use by children and adults alike.

PrimeMover and Keyboard Trainer will sell for £79.95 ex. VAT each. More details can be obtained from

PLAY IT AGAIN? REPLAY PLUS

Irlam Instruments will be launching an upgrade to the Acorn Replay DIY kit at Acorn World '93. Replay Plus consists of a hardware upgrade and new software, and considerably improves the image quality of movies created with Replay DIY. Features of the software include several new movie formats, time lapse recording,

improved movie editing and better sound facilities. The new movie formats require less disc space, and can be played back immediately for story-board use, etc. The sound sampling facilities allow the kit to be used as a high quality, direct-to-disc stereo sound sampler, with samples created in Armadeus, Microsoft Wave, or Creative VOC (Soundblaster) formats, or output direct to sound-only Replay files. The cost of the Replay Plus upgrade is £139 ex. VAT.

Irlam will also be demonstrating its professional sound sampling card, which until now has only been available to Acorn developers for the creation of high quality samples for Replay movies and CD-ROM applications. With the highly original name of SoundCard, the system supports direct-to-disc recording of 16-bit stereo samples at up to CD or DAT sampling rates. The card also contains a powerful digital signal processor which can perform real time audio effects and compression. SoundCard costs £299 ex. VAT.

POINT-AND-CLICK PROGRAMMING WITH S-

Longman Logotron will be launching a new version of its relational database development system, S-Base, at Acorn World '93. S-Base 2 will contain numerous new features, including SAM, the S-Base Application Manager. SAM will allow the user to create code and templates for applications by simply pointing, clicking and dragging, with absolutely no programming required.

Other interesting features of S-Base 2 are its support for multimedia, free form text, a powerful natural query language, and drag and drop support for importing dBase and Squirrel files.

Longman Logotron will also be previewing for the very first time a new release of its data handling application, PinPoint.

Details about S-Base 2, upgrade paths

CREATIVE ADVENTURES

Alpine Software, the company behind the popular adventure games Plague Planet and COPS, has released a new version of its arcade game designer. Creator II contains dozens of new functions and actions, including facilities for creating platform-style games, scroll text options, tiled backgrounds, a map designer and even an ARM processor detector, which returns which version of the chip is present. Creator II is available for £49 ex. VAT, or £20 ex. VAT to registered users if you return both original discs.

Explorer is a new educational package from Alpine Software, suitable for Attainment Target 4 at Key Stages 3 and 4. A space exploration game, the package includes a detailed database of information and photographs on all the planets in our solar system. Explorer costs £30 ex. VAT.

In addition to the above, Alpine Software has also released a compilation of its adventure games. The Alpine Adventure Collection includes full versions of Plague Planet and COPS, together with a previously unreleased adventure called

LIFE ON A CD-ROM

A CD-ROM which could be of great interest to schools, colleges and universities is the AI CD-ROM produced by Network Cybernetics Corporation. As well as artificial intelligence, the CD-ROM contains a large assortment of software and information on topics such as artificial life, virtual reality, expert systems, robotics, machine vision, etc. All the files should be readable on the Archimedes, although the programs will need to be recompiled in most cases, for which the source code is also included (not a trivial task unless you know your way around the C language). The cost of the AI CD-ROM is £80 ex. p&p. Lambda Publications is handling its European

ACORN DOWN UNDER

Acorn Computers Australia has recently announced that almost a quarter of Australian schools are using its equipment. Following the price reductions in the UK, the Australian prices for Acorn computers have also dropped substantially, a move that is certain to increase its market penetration even further. The new education prices (in Australian dollars) ex. tax are:

Acorn A3020 Colour System	\$1695
Acorn A4000 Multiscan	\$1995
Acorn A5000 HD80	\$2695
Acorn A5000 HD170	\$3295
Acorn A4 Portable	\$2995

For further details contact Mr Peter Revell, National Marketing Manager, Acorn Computers Australia Pty Ltd,

ARMED FOR EDUCATION

The ARM Club has formed an education group to build links between the club and those Archimedes owners who feel they are not getting the educational best from their systems. Their long term aim is to put together a suite of programs to help teach the National Curriculum. If you want to get in touch with The ARM Club, visit them at either Acorn World 93 or The ARM Club Open Day, which has been rescheduled to the 5th December. For more information on The ARM Club or the open day, contact Bruce Dickson at The ARM

MORE PENNIES IN YOUR POCKET

Acorn Computers has extended its current special promotions on both the Pocket Book and Schedule, the combined diary, personal organiser and timetable application, until the 31st December 1993. The Pocket Book will thus remain on sale at just £169.95 ex. VAT instead of the full £212.72 ex. VAT, and Schedule will continue at the introductory price of £16.98 ex. VAT. The Class Pack

HIGH FLYERS - EAGLE AND LARK

Wild Vision and Computer Concepts will be launching several multimedia products at Acorn World 93, including the Eagle M2 multimedia system, the Lark sound sampler, and the Chroma 500 digital genlocking card.

According to Wild Vision, the Eagle M2 is an expansion card which represents a new concept in hardware technology - it is able to do everything! It will provide a full motion video digitiser that can perform real-time hardware scaling and dithering, a stereo sound sampler and a MIDI interface, all on a single width expansion card, and will be bundled with several applications, including software for creating and playing back Replay

movies, and Computer Concepts new sound editing software, AudioWorks.

Lark is a high quality 16 bit stereo sound sampler. It can sample and play back sounds at frequencies up to 48KHz, and is packaged with AudioWorks and a mixing desk application.

The genlocking card, Chroma 500, supports high resolution, broadcast-sized screen modes up to 768x576 pixels, as well as both PAL and S-VHS systems.

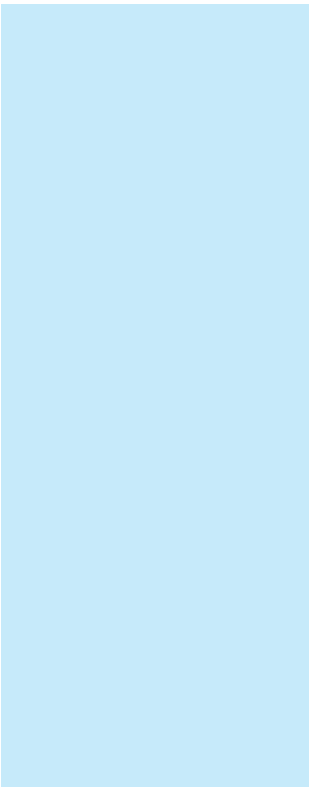
Eagle, Lark and Chroma 500 will be demonstrated at the Computer Concepts/Wild Vision stand (67/68)

Holdfast has developed a JoyPad for younger children who find keyboards, mice and joysticks too much to handle. Suitable for Special Needs education, the JoyPad's chunky shape suits hand-held, tabletop or floor use, and provides a robust and easy-to-use alternative to mice and joysticks. It will plug directly into the joystick port on the A3010, while other Acorn systems will require an interface such as the Leading Edge Joystick Interface. JoyPad is available now for £24.99 ex. VAT from Holdfast Computing at Strode House, Strode Gardens, Alveston, Bristol BS12 2PL, tel. 0454 411126, or you can see its full range of products at stand 73 at Acorn

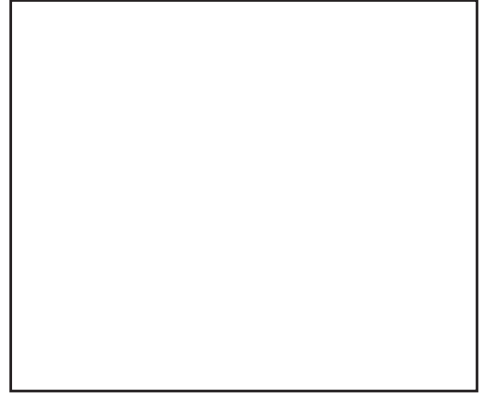
EMR TURNS UP THE VOLUME

EMR has announced several new developments in the Acorn music field. It is planning to release a wide range of new software products and hardware interfaces, produced in conjunction with HCCS, at Acorn World 93. MicroStudio 2, the 24-track MIDI sound software, has been rewritten for the Desktop, and enhanced for RISC OS 3. Desktop Scorewriter, the music printing application, can now play up to 8 score parts through the Arc's internal sound system, and includes an extra Alpha font that allows fast keying of music data using the computer as a music typewriter.

Music Player 3 has been created to support a new EMR/Yamaha package called Hello Music, and will play any MIDI format file, EMR song file, and various sound sample formats. EMR music library files now have presets to match the latest GM format, and Studio 24Plus Version 3 will auto-change voice presets and drum kits to suit other instruments. Studio 24Plus now also supports direct-to-disc recording using the new MIDI/Sampler interfaces developed by HCCS. Sampling rates of up to 50kHz are supported, and Studio 24Plus can record a vocalist, choir or acoustic ensemble whilst playing MIDI instruments, SMPTE-controlled video/multitrack machines and graphic animations/karaoke-style vocals in sync! Prices and information on these



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