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WHERE WAS THE Risc PC?

Many of you may have been just a bit upset that there were no Risc PCs to take home as souvenirs from the Harrogate Show. So were we, especially as Acorn had informed us that there would be systems available for sale. Where were they? According to Acorn, the launch of the Risc PC went phenomenally well - within two days of the launch on April 15th, it had already taken more orders than had been budgeted for the entire first quarter of production. Because of the substantial demand from dealers, developers and international distributors, only a very limited number of systems would thus have been available to sell at the show, and Acorn felt that this situation would have been unfair to the vast majority of potential purchasers.

That's the official line from Acorn. The unofficial and unconfirmable rumour is that Acorn planned to take 600 systems to the show. Unfortunately, they

A WEALTH OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

New from Semerc is the Semerc Treasure Chest, an educational CD-ROM aimed at Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 pupils. Designed to make learning fun, the Semerc Treasure Chest includes a wide range of pictures, symbols, sound samples and speech files. Each of the 2,500 pictures is grouped by subject and has its own text and sound file so that pupils can read as

THE 1994 ARTWORKS COMPETITION

Following the success of its ArtWorks clipart competition last year, Computer Concepts has announced a new competition for 1994. Open to anyone who has produced artwork on an Acorn-based graphics or drawing package, such as ArtWorks, Draw, or Vector (Sprites and images imported from foreign platforms are not acceptable), the first prize is nothing less than a new Acorn Risc PC. For more information contact Computer Concepts at Gaddesden

USBORNE EXPLORING NATURE ON CD-ROM

The Usborne Exploring Nature CD-ROM is the latest addition to Cumana's ever-growing family of educational CD-ROMs. Suitable for pupils of all ages, the package is designed to encourage children to explore the exciting world in which we live. Usborne Exploring Nature costs £125.00 ex. VAT, and is available from Cumana Ltd, Pines Trading Estate, Broad

WHO'S BEEN EATING MY PORRIDGE?

Who's been eating my porridge? is just one of the many questions that children are encouraged to answer when they work their way through the popular story, Goldilocks, now available from Cumana in a new CD-ROM format. Suitable for Key Stages 1 and 2, as well as special needs pupils, Goldilocks comes complete with a wide range of activity sheets and overlays for use with an overlay keyboard. Further information on Goldilocks, which costs £39.93 ex.

CD-ROM UPGRADE FOR Risc PC

Cumana has launched a new internal CD-ROM drive kit for the Risc PC. Called the 300i, the kit comprises a double-speed, PhotoCD compatible Panasonic CD-ROM drive and a small interface board which plugs directly into the computer's IDE interface on the motherboard. Built to comply with Acorn's new specifications and designed to complement the style of the Risc PC, the 300i CD-ROM drive also allows audio CDs to be played as standard. The drive kit is priced at £249 ex. VAT. Further information can be obtained from Cumana Ltd, tel. 0483

IMAGE PROCESSING ON THE Risc PC

The launch of the Risc PC was accompanied by the announcement of no less than five graphics applications. The Risc PC's 24-bit true colour capability makes it an ideal system for professional image processing and enhancement. The five applications listed below will all work on existing Archimedes systems, but have been designed to take advantage of the

From Clares - ProArtisan24 and Composition

ProArtisan24 is, as its name suggests, a 24-bit version of Clares popular ProArtisan2 painting package. The tools provided are said to be extremely realistic, with the brushes able to mimic natural media such as charcoal, pastels and felt tips. ProArtisan24 has the ability to load and manipulate Kodak PhotoCD images in 24-bit colour. It also provides a clone spray for photo-retouching, and a



wide range of powerful image processing filters.

Clares' second package, Composition, is an image composition program which allows the user to combine a number of 24-bit pixel based images (each one treated as an individual object) from a variety of sources such as



Kodak PhotoCD and colour scans. Composition provides a range of special effects such as motion blur, mist and rain.

ProArtisan24 costs £169.95 ex. VAT. A price is not yet available for Composition. Further information can be obtained from Clares at 98 Middlewich Road, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 7DA, tel. 0606 48511, fax 0606 48512.

From Digital Arts - DA's Picture

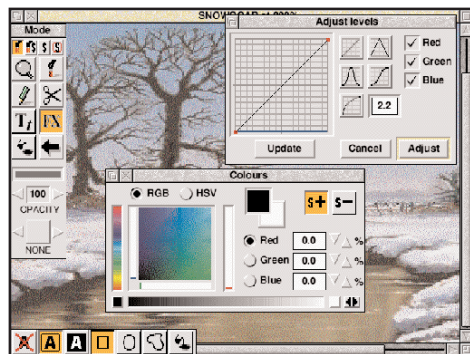
DA's Picture is a art and image retouching package from Digital Arts in Germany. Digital Arts is internationally known for its high quality products which cover the complete publishing spectrum, from page layout to image processing, on a diversity of platforms. DA's Picture is its

first product for the Acorn market and offers sophisticated image manipulation tools never before seen on the RISC OS platform. DA's Picture is available at a special launch price of £99 ex. VAT. For further details contact CGS ComputerBild, 231 Northborough Road, Norbury, London SW16 4TU, tel. 081 679 7307, fax 081 764 7898.

From Oregon - PhotoTouch

Oregon claims that its PhotoTouch application is a painting, professional prepress, and image processing system. Working with photographic quality images, you can take any photo and turn it into your own creation, adding special effects and realistically retouching the image until it suits the task for which it is required. A few of the tools provided by PhotoTouch include transparent, translucent and opaque painting tools, morphing, and importing facilities for over 40 foreign file formats.

PhotoTouch is currently available at a special launch price of £68.04 ex. VAT. For further details contact Oregon Software Developments, 36 Grosvenor Avenue, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield B74 3PE, tel. 021 353 6044.

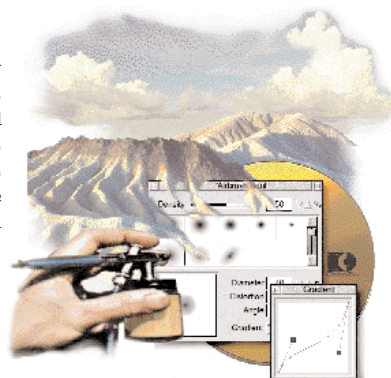


From Pineapple Software - Studio24

Pineapple Software's Studio24 uses full 24-bit processing for all painting and processing operations, and powerful error spreading techniques for displaying the results in standard 8-bit screen modes. Pineapple claims that Studio24 has many unique features, including powerful stencilling operations, definable textures and many processing and filtering operations. Studio24 is priced at £125 ex. VAT and is available from Pineapple Software at 39 Brownlea Gardens, Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex IG3 9NL, tel. 081 599 1476, fax 081 598 2343.

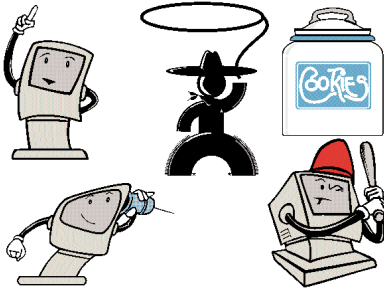
From Spacotech - PhotoDesk

According to Spacotech,



ACORN CONTINUES WORLDWIDE EXPANSION PROGRAMME

Acorn Computers has appointed Johannesburg-based Oak Tree Technologies as its sole distributor in South Africa. The appointment is part of Acorn's strategy to broaden its worldwide presence and open up international markets. For further information contact Oak Tree's UK representative, Lindis

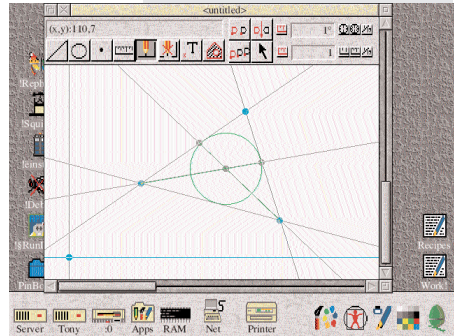


ClickArt CLIPART FOR ACORN USERS

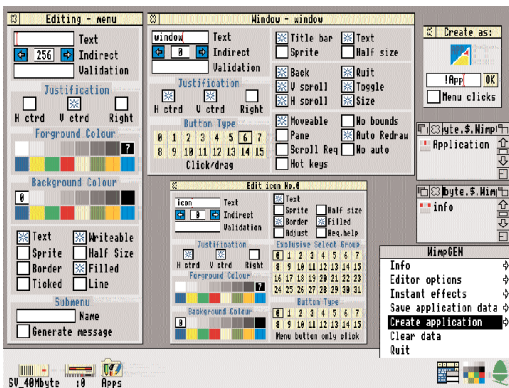
Matt Black has announced the launch of a new clipart pack with the famous ClickArt brand name. The ClickArt Education Image Pack provides a complete library of 2,000 full-colour Draw files. ClickArt is the leading clipart brand for the PC

PROCAD EXTENDED IN 150 WAYS

Minerva Software has released a substantially extended version of its professional CAD package, ProCAD. Version 1.03 of the software sports over 150 new features, including the ability to import all types of Ordinance Survey Digital Data. Further information can be obtained from Minerva Software, Baring Crescent, Exeter, Devon EX1 1TL, tel. 0392 437756, fax 0392 421762.



INTERACTIVE WIMP GENERATION



WimpGEN, from Silicon Vision, is a RISC OS program interface generator that eases the task of designing and implementing Wimp-based programs. Silicon Vision claims that by using WimpGEN's powerful editing facilities, the programmer can interactively design and create complex windows, dialogue boxes and menu structures with ease, and let WimpGEN take care of the generation of the main program shell for the designed interface. WimpGEN costs £85.06 ex. VAT and is available from Silicon Vision at Signal House, Lynn Road,

Apollonius PDT - THE GREAT GEOMETER

Oak Solutions has announced a new parametric CAD package, Apollonius PDT, for the Risc PC and existing Archimedes range. Apollonius PDT builds on Oak Solutions' existing Parametric Design Tool package, and is now fully RISC OS compliant. Apollonius PDT costs £150 ex. VAT, and upgrades are available. Further details can be obtained from Oak

X Windows FOR THE Risc PC

Gnome Computers has launched its X Windows server software for the Risc PC, and claims that the combination of its X server software and the power and flexibility of the Risc PC gives a truly professional and cost-effective X terminal solution. The X server allows users to connect their Risc PC computer to a network of workstations running the industry standard X Window System. For further information contact Dr

CD FRAN' AIS - UNE BON ID E

Oak Solutions has released C D Fran ais, a CD-ROM application with over 50 interactive French activities based on the popular Tricolore course. All the activities have been designed to support any French course, not just Tricolore. C D Fran ais costs £95 ex. VAT, including teachers notes and site licence, and is available from Oak Solutions at Dial House, 12 Chapel

EXPANDING THE OPTIONS FOR CD-ROM

Computer Concepts has announced the arrival of a baby brother for its quad-speed 604X CD-ROM drive. The Pioneer DRM 602X is a double-speed six-disc drive which offers multi-session PhotoCD compatibility and audio output to headphones and RCA connectors. The Pioneer DRM 602X costs £509.00 ex. VAT and carriage, and is available from

TURN THE TABLETS ON YOUR MOUSE

Two professional graphics tablets have just been launched for the Archimedes and Risc PC. Designed by Wacom, both tablets use a cordless, batteryless, pressure-sensitive stylus, and may also be used with a cordless four-button puck for accurate tracing of points and lines. The A5 tablet and stylus costs £399 ex. VAT, and the A4+ version with stylus and puck £549 ex. VAT. An ArtWorks Pressure Tool is also

NEW PROGRAMMING TOOLS FROM ACORN

Hidden in the specification for the Risc PC are details of a new Acorn C compiler, Release 5. This will be on sale later in the year, together with a set of Style-Guide compatible objects such as windows and dialogue boxes, a new Assembler and (at long last) a C++ compiler. Acorn C Release 5 has many small improvements over its predecessor, as a result of which Acorn claims that compiled programs are smaller and run 10% faster than

IT'S NOT A WORDPROCESSOR, IT'S A GRID PROCESSOR

4Mation's GridPro is a sophisticated utility which allows you to create a wide variety of different grids and patterns very easily. Objects created in GridPro can be printed as is, or used as components of documents created in other packages. GridPro costs £37.50 ex. VAT and can be obtained from 4Mation, 14

NEW TELETEXT EXPANSION CARD FROM DESIGN IT

Design IT's debut product for the Acorn market is Television Hardware, the first teletext expansion card designed specifically for Acorn 32-bit computers. Two variants of the card are available. The first will receive teletext only and costs £145 ex. VAT. The second card, at £159 ex. VAT, also provides composite video and audio connections. Both



NEW CONCEPT KEYBOARDS FOR JUST £99

Out with the old and in with the new is the principle behind The Concept Keyboard Company's latest part-exchange deal in which schools can trade-in their old blue Concept Keyboard and purchase a brand new Universal 2010 Keyboard for just £99 ex. VAT. Further details can be obtained from The

II SCSI OR NOT II SCSI

Omura is set to launch a new high performance 32-bit Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) card. The card, which is currently under development, will allow Risc PC users to communicate at maximum speed with SCSI II peripherals such as scanners and printers. Information on prices and

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(Payments below inc VAT)

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9/420	£1997	200	299.50

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