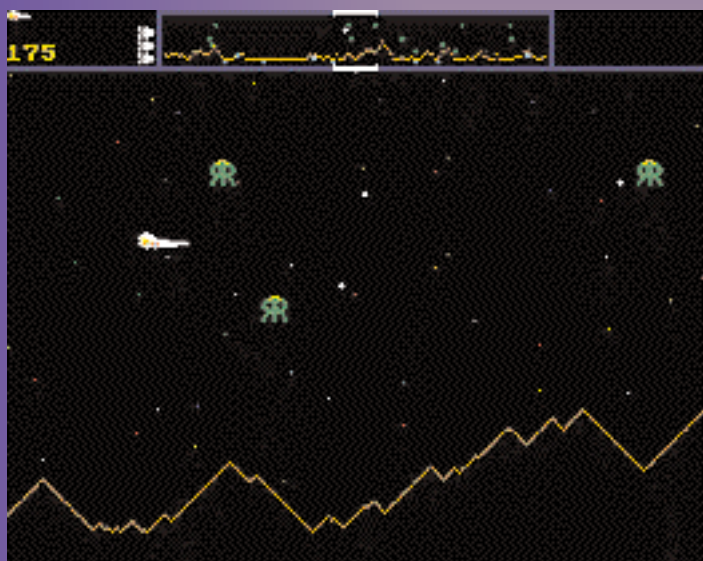# RISC disc
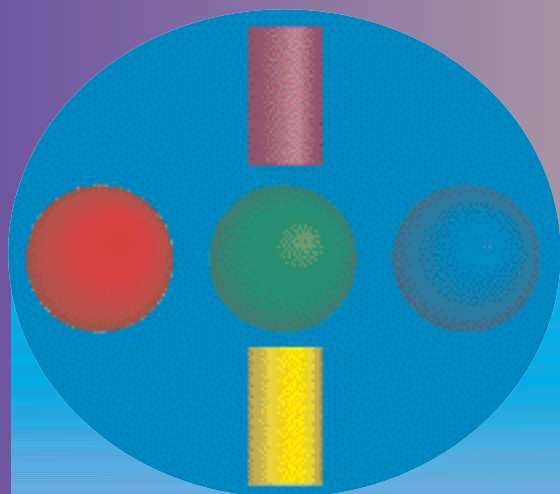
Humanoids

by Gary Lee

Remember Defender, one of the all-time classics of the arcade? Or the BBC micro version, Planetoid? Well now you can play it in all its glory on your Archimedes! The author of Planetoid has rewritten the game for RISC User, and it s a cracker! All the original features are there - just watch the aliens gang up on you as you pilot your craft furiously across the face of the planet in a desperate

Graphics on the Risc PC

by Lee Calcraft

Our article on page 20 shows you just what you can do with the Risc PC when it comes to experimenting with the extraordinary graphics capability of the new machine. RiscClrs will whet your appetite by providing
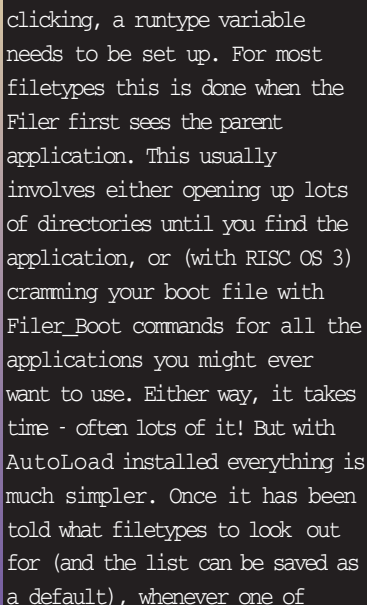
Italian Verbs

by Alan Grace

Brush up on your Italian verbs with our handy little program ItalVerb. It gives you all the information you need to translate many common verbs from English into Italian, including complete conjugations for all tenses. So next time you fly

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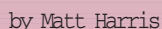
Tape Measure

by Graham Crow

Not Italian suits, but screen coordinates. Measure allows you to measure the coordinates of a rectangle on the screen very easily, just by dragging it out with the mouse. You can measure in OS units, pixels or text characters, making it useful for positioning icons accurately in a window or counting characters in a line of text, as well as many other uses. The application also includes a

Automatic File Loader

by Andrew Benson

In order to run a file by double-

clicking, a runtype variable needs to be set up. For most filetypes this is done when the Filer first sees the parent application. This usually involves either opening up lots of directories until you find the application, or (with RISC OS 3) cramming your boot file with Filer_Boot commands for all the applications you might ever want to use. Either way, it takes time - often lots of it! But with AutoLoad installed everything is much simpler. Once it has been told what filetypes to look out for (and the list can be saved as a default), whenever one of

Backdrop Carousel

by Matt Harris

Many users like to have a backdrop picture on their pinboard, but after a while staring at the same old snow-topped mountain gets boring. BackTrack provides the perfect solution - it relieves terminal boredom by cycling through a selection of backdrop pictures at random intervals. The
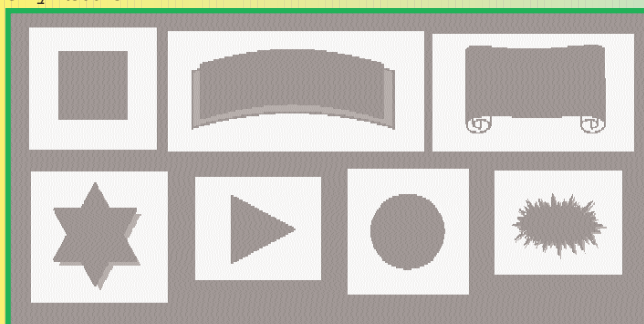
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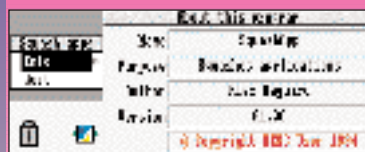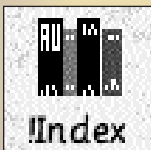
by Alex Hayward

The largest file within an application is usually its !RunImage, and compressing this can often save quite a bit of disc space. Unfortunately, you have to uncompress it again before the application can be run. But not any more! Just drag your application to SquashApp, and not only will it compress the !RunImage file, but also set up your application so that running it in future will

DTP Masks

by Terry Nottle

A library of masks created with Draw, which you can use to make your DTP illustrations more interesting. The technique is described in Into the
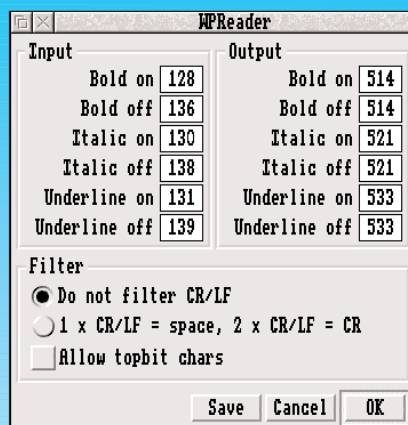
Updates to previous discs

An amended !Run file for Flag Day (RISC User 7:8), and version 1.57 of the ColourTrans module for use with the new printer drivers (RISC

ArcScan Data

ArcScan index for this month s RISC User.

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Use Ovation with Style

by Ian MacDougall

If like us you regularly prepare text in an editor such as DeskEdit before transferring it to Ovation to be laid out, you will sometimes be frustrated that there is no way to transfer style information such as italics or bold. WPReader overcomes this by reading a text file and depositing it into an Ovation document complete with style information. You can set up the parameters yourself so that it can cope with a wide range of possible single-character style information codes. It also works with Impression

SWIs from the Command Line

by Jonathan Hunt

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*
*
*SYS "OS_ReadModeVariable",27,4
*Show R$*
R$0(Number) : 27
R$1(Number) : 4
R$2(Number) : 1
R$3(Number) : 0
R$4(Number) : 0
R$5(Number) : 0
R$6(Number) : 0
R$7(Number) : 0
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If you re a programmer (or even if you re not) you ve probably found it annoying that there s no easy way to issue a SWI call without loading up Basic. CLI SWI enables you to issue SWIs from the command line - just hit F12 (not too hard...), type your SWI call, and get an instant result. The program is fully