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Chapter 1

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1.1 Epic Interactive Encyclopedia '97

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1.4 Introduction

Introduction

Welcome to the '97 version of the Epic Interactive Encyclopedia, this product was developed to replace the previous version of the encyclopedia and add as much new information as possible. We have 4 times as much information as before, current topics, a new interface and lots of new exciting features.

We have again surpassed ourselves and enhanced our belief that this is the most advanced multimedia product ever for the Amiga. We are totally committed to this product and are continuing to support it in many ways. The WWW pages and FTP have the latest informatin and freely distributable subjects, and we have competitions for the best new subjects.

But we continue to expand, the first german version is ready soon and we are also developing an Acorn version for use in schools.

Hope you enjoy it,

Andy Savage (Programmer)

1.5 Running over a network

Running over a network

The encyclopedia will run over a simple parnet/sernet style network as long as the following steps are followed:

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- 1: Run your network software on both machines as normal
- 2: Open a Shell Window on the host machine
- 3: Insert the encyclopedia CD into the remote CD-ROM drive.
- 4: Type NET:CD0 (Where net is the network devicename)
- 5: Type Assign Epic_Encyclopedia: ""
- 6: Type Endcli
- 7: Run the software as normal

NB: After installation the machine resets, so follow the above steps again before running the encyclopedia.

1.6 Getting Started

Getting Started

Installation

Once you have read this file all you need to do is double-click on the install icon. Just answer a few simple questions and away you go.

1.7 Credits

Credits

The following people have all contributed to the making of this product:

Vince Pike - Concept, Production & Graphics

Andy Savage - Programming

John Pasternak - Voice Overs, Video Assistance

Paul Moss - 3D Animations Glenn Butler - Additional 3D

Russell Webb - Music

Micheal West - Additional Music Tracks

John Downey - Sound Samples

Nathan Ludkin - Image Assistance

Russell Webb - Research

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Nigel Bennett - Research

Marcus Dew - Additional Research

Jack Smith - Product Testing

Plus all the

people

who have contributed subjects

1.8 Support

Support

Technical Support

If you have a problem or query conerning this product or its support programs which isn't covered in the manual you can get a little human help from these places:

The Amiga Technical Centre - 1500-1730 Weekdays
UK: 01793 514187 Abroad: Intl +44 (0)1793 514187

E-Mail: tech@epma.demon.co.uk

Andy Savage (The Author) E-Mail: andy@epma.demon.co.uk

Subject Support

This product is upgradable! New subjects can be added at any time. Currently you can get subjects via the internet (free of charge) or directly from us (for reasonable media costs).

Internet: FTP to ftp.globalnet.co.uk/pub/epic/

This is provided as a free service, however it does cost us time and money to maintain. All we ask is that you do not abuse the service and that for every ten subjects you take you upload a new one of your own (subjects are easily created with PD Creator program on this CD).

By Post:

A current list of subjects is updated every week. You simply select the subjects you wish, we tell you how many disks they will fit on then we charge you £2.99 per disk. The average is about 15-20 subjects per disk. $50p\ p&p$ is charged per order.

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1.9 People

Subject Creators

Many thanks to these people who have worked hard to produce all of the subjects.

John Denver
Nathan Ludkin
John Pasternak
Malcolm Pett
Karen Pike
Vanessa Pike
Vince Pike
Andrew Savage
Russell Webb

Aaaron Ramsay Amanda Gibbon Simon Wiseman Andrew Longhorn Julian Love Simone Bennett Samantha Good Mervin Dykes Shaun Jay Darren Wells Robert Small Simon Ferrara Andrew Row Scott Southall Stuart Dicker George Sweeney David Crookes James Bloor Dr. Aidan M. O'Donnell William Smith Graham Hamilton

1.10 Creating your own entries

And anyone we've forgot...

Creating your own entries

It's very easy to add new subjects to the encyclopedia.

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You can create them yourself or get them from us either via the Internet or on floppy disk. Each month we give away a voucher worth £20 to the best subject submitted.

The Creator program and its documentation are to be found in the "The Creator" drawer inside the "Epic" drawer on your harddrive.

1.11 What's new?

What's New?

Since the release of the 1996 1.1 update patch the following features are now present:

- 16,000 subjects
- Over 3,000 colour and mono images
- 200 samples
- Over 200 filmclips
- Enhanced Zoom (Pictures, anims and text)
- New search engine
- Ouick A-Z function
- New Animation controls
- INTERACT function
- Soundtrack and Music support
- Redesigned Interface
- Europedia (Info, Anthems and flags from Europe)
- Guided tour of the Encyclopedia

1.12 Trouble Shooting

Problems

The two main problems people have with this product are caused by old CD-ROM driver software. If using a Zappo/Archos drive you should install version 11 of the software which can be found in the FreeData/Tools directory of this CD. Other users should install AmiCDFS using the "install AmiCDFS" icon.

North American and other NTSC users must ensure they are running the PAL monitor driver before they use the product.

Please also ensure that your boot drive has a minimum of 1MB free space.

Should you have any other problems please contact our technical support department.