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Chapter 1

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1.1 Epic Interactive Encyclopedia '98

The Epic Interactive Encyclopedia '98 Version

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1.4 Introduction

Introduction

Welcome to the '98 version of the Epic Interactive Encyclopedia, this the latest release of the Amiga's most popular Encyclopedia.

We have again surpassed ourselves. 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.

Hope you enjoy it,

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:

- 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: ""
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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

Before you install the Epic Encyclopedia'98 make sure that you have AmiCDFS installed. Then double-click on one of the Install icons. A minimum of 2mb of free HD space is required.

1.7 Credits

Credits

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

Vince Pike - Concept/Programming, Production & Graphics
Andy Savage - Original 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
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 concerning 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 422355 Abroad: Intl +44 (0)1793 422355
E-Mail: epicmarketing@dialin.net

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).

Epic Multimedia AMiGA Software
BSS House - Unit22, Area50, Cheney Manor Trading Est.
Swindon
Wilts, UK
SN2 2PJ

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

And anyone we've forgot...

1.10 Creating your own entries

Creating your own entries

It's very easy to add new subjects to the encyclopedia. You can create them yourself or get them from us either via the Internet or on floppy disk.

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 first 1996 v1.1 update patch the following features are now present:

- 20,000+ subjects
 - Over 4,000 colour and mono images
 - 200+ samples
 - Over 200 filmclips

 - New style interface & design
 - Enhanced Zoom (Pictures, anims and text)
 - True AVI style film-clips
 - New search engine
 - Quick A-Z function
 - New Animation controls
 - INTERACT function
 - Soundtrack and Music support
 - Redesigned Interface
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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 11.9 of the software which can be found in the FreeData directory of this CD. Other users should install AmiCDFS using the "install AmiCDFS" icon. (The latest version of Ami-CDFS can be found on magazine cover CD's)

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 take a look at the README file contained in the root directory of this CD.