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1.2   Beginners Start Here

This menu system is totally mouse operated. It is very simple to use,
if you see a hilighted button, such as this, it means it is an option
available from that area. Clicking on that button will perform a
function, such as running a demo, viewing a picture or extracting an
archive. Remember when you have finished viewing a text file, listening
to a music module etc. to click on the Close gadget to contine. When you
have finished in a menu area, clicking on the Contents gadget at the top
of the screen will take you back to the Menu. Basically, try out the
gadgets, you can't do any harm. Remember not to click on the close gadget
of this AmigaGuide menu, if you do you will have to reload it from Workbench.

Sometines you will need to reboot your system, especially after viewing many
gifs, because of memory fragmentation. As a rule, if the menu seems to no-
longer perform correctly, its time for a re-boot.

1.3   welcome

                    Welcome to NOTHING BUT .GIFS

Thankyou for purchasing NOTHING BUT .GIFS, the first graphics CD from 17 Bit -
The Worlds biggest PD library. On this CD we have brought you almost 600 Meg
of the highest quality freely redistributable, copyright free Gif images,
along with over 26 meg of Compressed tools for various formats.

Are you tired of finding poor quality graphics on CD's? 16 colour images,
poorly digitised images, images that don't display properly (usually
squashed horozontally or vertically), Images in formats you can't view,
convert or load into an art package, collections of graphics you have to
spend hours to find the picture you want, finding the same picture in the
same drawer with differant filenames. etc. etc.

At last your prayers are answered. The compilers of this CD have spent
over 6 months putting this collection together, the aim was to produce a
CD that WE want to use, where quantity meets quality.

These graphics where collected from various sources, including private
collections, internet (alt.sys.graphics, Aminet, etc.),etc.

At time of compiling we found only two other Gif CD's easily available,
PD Soft's Gif's Professional and Walnut Creeks Gif's Galore. We did not
take any of the content of this CD directly from the two just mentioned,
any similarity is purely co-incidental.

1.4   important

Please note that when purchasing this CD, you paid for the compiling,
duplication, advertising, packaging, administration and distribution
etc. of this disk. You have NOT paid for the contents. Public Domain
software is free, we have not charged you even a penny for all the
contents.

If you use this disk you are bound by the following terms;

1) The compiler and distributers of this disk take no responsibility
   whatsoever for damage to hardware, software or media through use or
   misuse of any of the contents of this CD. You de-archive and/or use
   files at your own risk.

   This CD has been checked for all known viruses, trojans and variants
   with the latest versions of the best virus-checkers available and has
   been found completely free of infection.

   The checkers we used are;

   - Virus Workshop 4.6 for the disks before we archived them (stored on
     here as .dms and .lha files).

   - Virus Checker 6.47 left in the background during compilation.

   - Virus Checker used Bootblock.brainfile 1.06 and Bootblock.library
     3.1.

2) We also make no guarantee whatsoever that files on this CD will do
   what they claim, or what they are intended to do. Again, we have
   tested practically everything on this CD (which took a while!), but
   there is always a possibility of a rogue file when dealing with this
   amount of data.

Please note that all graphics included require at least the AGA chipset,
some will need more than the standard 2 meg to view.

We have made our best effort to ensure that all data included on this CD
is freely distributable (Public Domain) and that it comprises to any
limitations laid down by the copyright holders.

Some files are distributed with text files, you will find these in the
utilities/text directory.

Any political, religious or social views stressed by files on this CD
are not necessarily the opinions of the compiler or distributers.

1.5 notes

There is an abbreviations used in the file descriptions;

  - LMB, which means Left Mouse Button.

1.6 yourviews

We would love to improve and cater for the needs of our users, so we
need to receive feedback from you - what would you like to see on our
future CD's? What didn't you like about this CD? What did you like

about this CD? How could we have improved it? Do you think CD's
produced by other companies better and if so in what way?

The compilers of this CD can be reached via 17 Bits usual address.

1.7 contributions

We are interested in receiving your files for future CD's, whether you
have written a program, drawn or traced a picture (objects and pictures
appreciated), written a music module, typed a useful text file, Made a
Demo in Demo Maniac or Video Tracker etc. (data and executable
appreciated), have some useful source-code (in Assembler, Amos, Blitz
Basic etc.), or anything else that may be of interest to others, please
mail them to 17 Bit's address. Company Product demos are also very
welcome. The only rule is the file(s) sent must be freely distributable,
but you may still retain copyright if you so wish. All disks will be
returned, probably containing something similar to what you sent us,
which we hope will be of interest to you.

1.8 creditsforthiscd

Compilation: 17 Bit with the Compendium Deluxe team!

Cover art: Paul Townend.

Lots of messing around: Robert Crossley.

Mastering: 17 Bit, mastering service available,
                                ring for details.

Tools used: Viewtek by Thomas Krehbiel.
                                PP More by Nico Francois.
                                LHA by Stefan Boberg.
                                Amigaguide (c) EsCom.

PC Support: Ken Simons.

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                                business Computer.

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                                Mark, Gary, Charlie, Oddie, George and Paul.

1.9   copyright

This compilation is copyright to 17Bit in 1995, all rights reserved.
No claims to the ownership of trademarks or copyright of the individual
contents are made. Every effort has been made to ensure the contents of
this CD do not infringe any copyright or distribution agreement. All
files on this CD remain copyright to their individual creators.

The menu used for this CD was created using EsCom's versatile AmigaGuide.

1.10   technical

Sorry, but we cannot help with technical enquiries involving individual
public domain files, these should be taken up with the relevant authors.
Other technical enquiries about this, or our future CD's are welcome.

1.11   prog

For those interested in the utilities/text directory, there is a full
breakdown of the GIF file format.

I'm sure lots of you programmers out there are often short of ideas for
useful utilities to program. Here's some tools the developers of this CD
would find very useful.

- A system font editor that actually works!!!
- An Animation thumbnail maker, that does them to the same standard that
  the ocs-anim thumbnails are done to on the LSD3 CD.
- An Mpeg player/converter that actually works.
- An AVI to iff anim converter that does 16 bit AVI's.
- A font converter that does Truetype and Adobe to Postscript etc.
- A tester that checks protracker modules are complete and work.
- A module describer that produces descriptions similar to those on
  Compendium Deluxes #1 amd 2.
- A simple Ham-8 to 256 colour converter, CLI (not workbench) based.
- A sound sample converter (Wav, Voc, Raw etc.) that uses datatypes to
  convert samples to iff, CLI (not workbench) based.
- A utility to search .zip and .arj (and maybe more?) archives and
  extract only music mods and graphic files.
- A tool to let .arj and .zip dearchive to directories other than
  DH0: (sys:).
- A Protracker module datatype to print all info about it.
- A PC windows .ico to Amiga .icon converter. CLI (not workbench) based.
- A hard-drive backup tool that will let the archive be backed-up and
  retrieved on all formats, eg; Amiga, PC, Mac, archimedes etc. (use 720k
  dos disks!).
- A Recipe book program using PC Menu Master datafiles.

Make these useful ideas shareware, make some cash too!

1.12 sysops

BBS owners (Sysops) will find this CD especially useful, as it is fully
"BBS Ready" (see your BBS documentation for further info), with
files.bbs support.

1.13 Thumbnails

The thumbnails on this CD are all in GIF format, so all users can view
them. Occasionally you will find an image in a directory that is not
in the thumbnails, so its worth checking out the menu fully.