FCWIN

AMIGA Futur-Composer Player

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1) What's FcWin ?

FcWin is an AMIGA Futur Composer music player for Windows 95/NT. Futur Composer is an AMIGA music format used before the today famous "soundtracker module". There is many old games tunes written in that format, so the Music lovers can enjoy their favorit tunes !!

2) Cardware Registration.

FCWin is "cardware". That means, if you like this program you are strongly encouraged to become a registered user by sending a nice illustrated postcard to me. This helps me getting motivated in programming upgrades and further productions.
Please DON'T send letters or emails as a substitute for a real postcard !!

If you have any comments, bug reports, help or criticism feel free to contact me. You will find my address at the bottom of this text file.

3) What's New ??

v1.0: First release of FCWIN. The COMPLETE emulator was written in a week, so there is still many bugs in that version... Wait for the second...

4) Package List

Original File List:

FCWIN.EXE   Windows 95/NT Executable.
FCWIN.DOC   FcWin Documentation. (WinWord format.)
FCWIN.TXT   FcWin Documentation (ASCCI format)
FILE_ID.DIZ   BBS Advert.
FCMODS*.FC4 Some public-Domain FC module.

5) Technical Stuff...

The Futur Composer is an AMIGA format. That is, the replay rout works very closely with the AMIGA SoundChip hardware. (The chip is called PAULA). FcWin emulatate PAULA (4 digi-voices, volume and frequency variation). The Play-Routine was originally written in Motorola MC68000 and converted by me in C language.

6) Problems ?

Q: when I run "FCWIN.EXE" it says: "This program requires Microsoft Windows".

A: He he, sorry but MsDos glory is finished... That is, you must hear your favorite tunes under Windows 95 ! If you are a DOS fan, just know it exist a FC player under MSDOS written by Ben/Overlanders. (FCPLAY.EXE, I think...)

Q: when I run FCWIN, a dialog box tell me "WaveOut Device Already In Use" ?

A: FcWin use standart Windows WaveOut Device to play digitized sound. Unfortunatly Windows does not share Sound Device so if you have already a program playing sound you can't run FCWIN. (Ex if you are using the great STSOUND !)

7) The Futur...

First of all I must remove some bugs playing some modules. Second, that version only replay Futur Composer v1.4 module. Soon I'll add a 1.3 play routine.

Before writing FCWIN I have done a little FC player on the ATARI ST. Now Mr Bee/Overlanders is working on it (Add user Interface, Optimizing for ATARI-TT or Falcon). Contact me if you are interrested...

By the way, If you are interested by Old music, just know I have written a ATARI-ST soundchip emulator who can play ATARI tunes (MadMax, Count Zero, AnCool etc...). Contact me if you are interested...

8) Credits, Greetings and Thanks !

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- Dogue de Mauve (Are you still alive ??)
- Ziggy Stardust (So strange coder...)
- Claudius (Soon a little Claudio...)
- Mr Bee. (Perhaps the only one who's reading...)
- Ramone (Manu) "Ho, ou o you're in the army now..."
- Bozo (Don't put Weapon in your house...)
- BigFoot (What are you doing ?)
- Niko.

- Xantia (Waiting anxiously a Peace day with Radiospare !!)
- Zappy. (No more ST ?)
- Griffon
- Aeon (PAULA Specialist ! Hi all members of AURA !)
- Guillaume (GG). (I'm waiting for AMSTRAD YM music !!)
- Ben and Jess.

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Have a nice day !