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Chapter 1

ChaosPro

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1.2 Preface

I. Introduction

1.1 Preface

What? Yet another fractal-creating program ??

On the one side one could think that there are enough programs for creating fractals on the Amiga. But if you are looking at other platforms e.g. IBM PC with FractInt from the Stone Soap Group, then everybody is realizing quickly that the programs on the Amiga aren't as powerful as they seem in the first way: None of them is able to create as many different fractal types as FractInt and none of them allows changing as many parameters as FractInt. Well, FractInt surely isn't perfect, but it's good enough for a few ideas...

If you have a look at this program, then you will notice, that ChaosPro is quite powerful and huge. Constantly the users of ChaosPro have wondered themselves, why ChaosPro is Public Domain. Many other, much smaller, much buggier, less powerful programs are Shareware. I thought about all this for some time, following some remarks:

1. If I want to earn money by programming, then for sure I won't have written a fractal generating program for the Amiga.
2. What would happen, if ChaosPro would be Shareware?
 Other authors have tried to write a fractal generating program (or another program) and then were quite angry, because almost nobody has sent the Shareware fee for their absolutely great program. They were so angry, that they decided to not further develop the program.

Well, I always ask myself, what IQ these people must have. Who should pay the Shareware fee for a fractal generating program? One doesn't use such a program on a regular basis, it's of no use, one just starts it, because one has some spare time left and just wants to see and calculate some nice pictures, and that's all...

3. So I decided, to renounce the Shareware fee from about 5 people. That is so few money, that it isn't worth the effort. So ChaosPro is further Public Domain, that's the logical conclusion. This way people are more willing to write mails to me and to suggest further enhancements, and that's what I want. This way I feel, that people are using ChaosPro, so it makes more fun to enhance it.

1.3 Why should I use this program?

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In other words: What are the advantages of this program over all the other fractal creating programs? Well, if you were content with the other fractal programs and never reached the point, where these programs weren't able to satisfy your needs, then I think it's probable, that another program would be the better solution for you. This program seems to be a bit confusing, because it has many parameters, i.e. you can make several mistakes, and this can be somehow discouraging. If you just want to calculate a few fractal pictures, then this program surely is a bit too large for you. You don't buy Brilliance or DPaint IV AGA just to paint some icons, do you?

Following a few features of the program:

(Inspired by Mand2000Demo, FractInt, MisterM, MandelMania, Fractal Dynamics, Slicer, MultiFractals, MandelMountains, Fractal V1.3, MandelPlot 24, Mandelsquare, SmartFractal, LyapunoviaV1.5, CloudsAGA, KFP and FractalUniverse)

- Multiwindowing

All fractals are drawn in windows, which you can easily enlarge or smallen by using the sizegadget.

- Multitasking

For the calculation of each fractal a separate task is created, i.e. you can calculate several fractals at the same time.

- Realtime-effects

Changes of parameters have immediate effects.

- Click and Zoom

Just doubleclick at a point and you zoom in and this point...

- Move the area around

The area of the complex numberplane, from which the fractal is calculated, can be moved around while calculating the fractal. Just click and drag it with the mouse ←
or use the
cursor-keys or the joystick in port 2.

- Systemconform

According to my betatesters the program runs perfectly on:

- Picasso
- Piccolo
- GVP EGS110/24
- GVP Spectrum
- ECS/OCS
- AGA
- Merlin

It runs from OS2.0 upto OS3.1, a screenmode-requester is used to enable to use all resolutions.

- Formula editor

For all of you, who want to try their own formula.

- Several fractalatypes

- Juliaset
- Mandelbrotset
- Bifurcationdiagrams (Verhulst)
- Dynamic Systems
- Plasma
- Lyapunov-Spaces

- Parameter

Dependent on the fractaltype upto 3 parameterwindows exist.

- Logical Userinterface

The worst example for a program, which normally mustn't exist: FractInt on a PC. There exists an Amiga-version by Terje Pedersen (email: terjepe@stud.cs.uit.no), ←
which
is a bit better (it uses MUI).

- 3D-Transformations

There exist 3 more windows with parameters just for 3D. Of course I must admit, ←
that
the right parametervalues are a bit difficult to find. But the multitasking of the ←
program
(you see immediately the result of a change of a parameter) helps really. You see ←
quickly, whether
the value suits or not.

- Animations

Not only simple Zoom-in-Movies, but also Zoom-out-Movies, or any other animation ←
based on a parameter,

which continually changes its value. Of course, more than one parameter may change ↔
its value.

How about a 3D-Anim Zoom-in-Movie into a juliaset, whose parameter value 'c' ↔
changes and the light
moves around?

- 24 Bit

Fractals may be saved in 24 bit.

- Online-Help

Of course context sensitive ;-)

- Locale-support

Why not?

- Arexx-Interface

Sorry, it made so much fun, I weren't able to stop ;-)

- and some other small features - really small;-)

+ Filename-Multiselect

+ Menu-Multiselect

+ Colorwheel under OS3.0 while editing a palette

+ Pictures can be saved into the clipboard

+ Font sensitivity

...and a little bit more...

1.4 Requirements

1.3 Requirements

When I was writing this program, I often had to decide whether I should leave a ↔
feature aside in order
to allow this program to run even on a badly equipped Amiga. Because I think that ↔
in
the year 1995 it's time to realize that a 7.09 Mhz-68000 Amiga isn't state of the ↔
art,
I've decided that this program will run only on better Amigas.

The program needs at least an 68020 with a mathematical coprocessor. Due to the ↔
internal
multitasking the screen is quickly filled with many windows. So a higher ↔
resolution which
offers more place is recommended. These many windows also don't increase the speed
of the system, so a fast Amiga is a good thing...

Because this program has many features, it needs a lot of memory. You should have ↔
at
least 2 MB RAM, then you can test this program.

Of course, the version of the operating system must be at least 2.0.

1.5 Installation

1.4 Installation and Deinstallation

Installation is made by the 'Installer' from Commodore.

If you want to make it by hand, then here you go:

1. Copy reqtools.library to the logical directory libs: , if it isn't already ←
there.

You need at least V38 or above.

2. Copy the directory ChaosPro/ and all the subdirectories to your desired place.

3. Copy the contents of the fonts-directory into your logical FONTS: directory..

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That's all. Installation is then finished. To adjust the program to your system, ←
start

the

preferencesprogram

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If you are looking at the file 'english.guide', don't wonder, why AmigaGuide doesn ←
't find all

nodes in this file. It will be translated to the file ChaosPro.guide by the ←
preferencesprogram.

While translating unknown links to nodes will be solved 'magically'.

In order to deinstall ChaosPro, just delete the whole ChaosPro-directory with all ←
files in it. Please have a look into

the directory libs:, too. Perhaps there is - for some unknown reason - the library ←
ChaosPro.library. Delete it...

Normally ChaosPro doesn't copy any files over your hard disk...

1.6 Author

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Many thanks in advance for:

- bugreports

- new ideas

- comments

- no registrations ;-) (ChaosPro is Public Domain...)

1.7 Concept

II. Programdescription

2.1 Concept

The concept isn't new, but very useful: Multitasking and multiwindowing over and over. ↔

That means, you can calculate as many fractals at the same time as you wish (and as your memory allows). ↔

You can work on a

palette

and calculate an animation, while

an ARexx-program controls some other fractals beeing calculated.

You can read in the online-help, and without closing this window you can experience ↔

in another window what you have read.

1.8 PicTask

2.2 The Various Windows

2.2.1 PicTask-Window

Fractal Pictures

- In the viewwindow with the headline 'Fractal Pictures' all to the program at the moment known ↔

fractal pictures are displayed. Every entry has a corresponding data structure which contains all parameters ↔

needed to calculate a picture of the fractal. Whenever you start the program, it examines the directory ↔

'FractPic' and loads automatically all fractals it finds there.

See Chapter 2.6

Programdirectories

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Name of a Picture

- Directly below the right listview there is a string gadget, in which you can edit the name. ↔

In order to take effect you have to press the return key.

Clear Picture

- Press this gadget to delete the chosen picture.

Calculate Picture

- If you click onto this gadget, the active entry appears additionally in the left listview. ↔

A window is opened and a task created which then calculates the corresponding fractal in the ↔

newly opened window. This task runs with a priority of 1 less than the control-task. So ↔

controlling functions slow down the speed of calculating the fractal.

Duplicate Picture

- Under some circumstances somebody wants to change a few parameters of a fractal without changing the old fractal. This gadget duplicates the active entry so a new entry is added and so you can change values and have the old fractal left.

Close Windows

- This gadget closes all windows, which belong to the active fractal. To be more precise, it deletes the task, the fractalwindows and all its parameterwindows.

Setting Previewwidth/-height

- With these gadgets the size of the area, which is calculated first, is defined. The area is placed in the middle of the window, where in all probability the most interesting part of the fractal being created is hidden. If you set unlogical values, then so preview is calculated. Preview isn't possible with all kinds of fractals, so it's possible, that these values take no effect.

Picture settings

3D-Buffer type

Julia- and Mandelbrotsets can be transformed into the 3rd dimension. In order to get good looking pictures, it's possible, to allocate a buffer for the results of the 3D-transformation. This enables it to save 3D-pictures in 24 Bit. Additionally there exist 2 more gadgets in the 3D-parameterwindow number 3, which have some influence on the appearance of the 3D-image. They control, how the incoming light changes the original color of the 3D-fractal.

Buffer type

- There are 3 different types for the buffer:

1. No buffer: This choice uses of course less memory than the other ones. But on the other hand you can't calculate 3D-views of the fractal, because the routines for this force the availability of a buffer. Also saving a IFF-ILBM-picture is only possible in the depth of the screen.
2. 16Bit-Int: Here for every point a word (16bit) is reserved, in which the calculated value is put in. Here you can choose a 3D-view. Additionally it's possible to save the fractal in any depth from 3 to 8 planes and in 24 bit.
3. 32 Bit IEEE Single Precision-Buffer (for people with too much memory): Here for every pixel a whole longword is reserved, in which the exact value of the point is placed in the IEEE SP-format. This choice makes it possible, to save the inside area of the julia-/mandelbrotset in real 24Bit.

Windows

2 choices:

- 1 Window: If a 3D-view of the fractal should be drawn, then it's drawn in the same window as the 2D-fractal. The 2D-fractal will be overdrawn.
- 2 Windows: If a 3D-view of the fractal should be drawn, then a second window will be opened for this purpose.

3D

And again 2 choices:

- No 3D-Picture: Only the (2D)fractal will be drawn.
- 3D-Picture: After drawing the 2D-fractal all data will be interpreted as heights and a 3D-view will be drawn.

Choice of the palette

Whenever a new window gets active, the program tries to find out, what palette should be used. For this it looks for the fractal, which the window belongs to and sets the corresponding palette. The program always has a global palette. Additionally there exist two entries in the fractalstructure for palettenames. The one name is ment for the palette to be used for the 2D-fractal, the other name for the palette to be used for the 3D-fractal. In order to control the behaviour of the program, when a new window is activated, there exist 2 gadgets. If the checkboxgadget is checked, always the global palette is used, independent from the fractal and its 2 own palettenames. This mode is mainly ment for such people like me, who get confused, if suddenly another palette is used, when a new window is activated (I use 'SunWindow' - created by Bernhard Scholz - this is advertising ... - for autoactivating windows...)

If the checkboxgadget isn't checked, then the cyclegadget right beneath determines the palette to be used for the fractal. 'Own palette' effects, that the palette is used, which is defined in the fractalstructure. 'Global palette' effects, that the global palette is used, whenever a window is activated, which belongs to this fractal.

If somebody wants to change the global palette, then he only has to wait, until the global palette is used. Then he can use the palettewindow in order to change it.

This is exactly what one would expect. So don't get confused.

1.9 Palettes

2.2.2 Palettewindow

The palettewindow contains all palettes, which the program has found in the directory ChaosPro/Palette/ at startup. There may be whole pictures, in that case the colorchunk is filtered out and added as palette.

At the beginning the palette called 'DefaultMap' is the active one. If you prefer another palette, then place it in the directory Palette and change it's name to 'DefaultMap'. If no palette with this name is existant, then the very first palette is the active one.

If you want to set another colortable, then simply click on the desired entry. The change takes effect immediatly. In order to maintain the 3D-effect of the graphical environment the colors 0 to 3 aren't affected.

Palettename

- To change the name of the active palette, change it in the string gadget and leave it with pressing the return key.

Edit Palette

- If you want to edit the colors of the active palette, click onto this gadget. 2 windows are opened, the one which displays the current values and allows you to take some actions and the other which shows you the varous colors of the active palette with a palette gadget. If 256 colors are available on the fractalscreen, the windows are opened on it, otherwise a new screen called colorscreen is opened as defined by the

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preferences-program
See Chapter 2.1.3
EditPalettewindow
load and save Palettes
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- With these gadgets you can load and save palettes. If you would overwrite an existing palette, you are pleased to confirm your action. When loading a palette, of course file-multiselect is supported, so you can load many palettes at once. Starting with V2.0 ChaosPro is also able to load palettes, which were created for FractInt. These files normally have the suffix '.map'.

Clear and Duplicate a Palette

- Should I really explain these ?

Coloroffset

- This gadget defines the colornumber of the palette, at which the palette is used .

Example: Somebody has a screen with 32 colors, he sets this value to 30. The screen now gets the colors of the palette beginning at number 30 (screennumber 4) upto number 57 (screennumber 31). If you change this value continual, then you'll get a colorcycling-effect.

Skip

- If this value is set to, as example, 2, then only every 2nd color of the palette is used for

the screen. This makes sense for palettes, which actually are made for 256-color- ←
 screens
 and should now be used on, as example, a 32-color-screen. There you could set the ←
 skip-value to 8
 and so using only every 8th color of the palette. So you'll get an imagination of ←
 what
 the palette would look like on a 256-color-screen.

1.10 Editing a Palette

2.2.3 EditPalettewindow

Actually there are 3 windows. One window for the actions and for displaying the ←
 values of a
 specified color the other for showing the whole palette. The third eventually for ←
 the colorwheel and the
 gradientslider

Colorarea

- Not everybody has the possibility to display the whole palette. Due to this, the ←
 colorarea-gadget
 is existant. It shows with the size and position of the bar, how many colors out ←
 of which area are
 currently displayed in the other window. If you move it around, then automatically ←
 the colors in the other
 window are actualized according to the new position of the bar.

Colornumber

- This gadget shows the current registernumber. If you change it, then the RGB- ←
 and
 HSV-values are updated.

The RGB- and HSV-Slider

- These sliders change the colorvalues. If you change one value in the colormodel ←
 , the others
 in the other model are updated according to changes.

Copy, Exchange, Spread

- 'Copy' copies the active color to the position, which the user next clicks onto ←
 , 'Exchange' exchanges
 the colors and 'Spread' makes a smooth change from the one color to the next ←
 active one.

Cycling-Mode

- This mode is somehow inconvenient. If you click onto this gadget, then you are ←
 in a mode,
 in which you can exactly define, what colors should be affected by colorcycling.
 This is useful for the mandelbrot, if you want to cycle only the area outside,
 because the inside area is colored black. All visible colors are affected by the ←
 colorcycling,
 all grey blinking colors, aren't affected. Click on a color, and the state of a ←
 color is changed.
 The 3 gadgets 'All', 'None' and 'Invert' do exactly what someone expects: 'All' ←
 lets

all colors take part on colorcycling, 'None' no color and 'Invert' inverts the state of all colors.

Functions affecting an Area

- 'Shrink to' and 'Shrink'

These both gadgets make it possible, to shrink the palette to less colors. To do so, you choose with the slider the number of planes, and with 'Shrink' you execute the action.

- 'Invert Area'

This gadget allows you, to invert an area. To do so, you click onto the gadget, then on the first color of the area, then on the last color of the area.

- 'Copy Area'

Click onto the gadget, then onto the first color, then onto the last color and then onto the first color of the destination area. Overlaying, overflowing etc. areas are affected correctly.

Colors of a Palette

- This window shows the colors of a palette. It has a size-gadget, so you can adjust it's size to your preferred size.

Colorwheel

People, who have OS3.0, can use the colorwheel, in which they can pretty much intuitively choose the colors. In order to get the colorwheel, one has to add the tooltype COLORWHEEL.

Because the colorwheel needs half of the available colors on the colorscreen, this method exists to enable or disable the colorwheel.

1.11 Animationwindows

2.2.4 Animationwindows

With these windows you can calculate animations. For that purpose fractals, which may differ only in continual changeable parameter values, are defined as keys. At calculation time the intermediate values between the different parameters of two keys are calculated (that's why it's called "continual changeable parameter values") and as data structure given to a fractal task which interprets and acts accordingly. This is a really good method, I think. You can e.g. the parameter c of the standard juliaset in a continual way change, and at the same time you can change the area values and the number of iterations. The result is a zoom-movie into an altering juliaset , a zoom and morph at the same time...

Now I come to a description of the gadgets:

Fractal Pictures

- Here the fractal pictures of the
PicTask-Window
are displayed
again for your convenience.

Anim Keys

- That are the keypositions. An animation is calculated as a continual change from
one key to another
until the last key is reached.

Actions

- Add Key / Add First

With pressing one of these gadgets the active fractal picture in the
animationwindow
is defined as a new key and inserted behind the active key or at the first
position.

While inserting the program checks, whether this picture is suitable, e.g. whether
it is of the same (fractal-)type and subtype as the ones already in the list, and
whether it differs only in continual changeable parameter values. If it doesn't
suit to

the other ones, then an error-report occurs, in some cases with a hint, why it
failed, and

with the offer to adjust the illegal values to the other ones in the list. By the
way,

the new key has the same name as the fractal picture, but it has nothing to do
with it. The new key

isn't referenced to the picture, but copied.

That means, that a change to a value of the fractal picture doesn't affect the key
with the

same name. This offers a quick method to create an animation. For that purpose
calculate a fractal, insert it as a key, then change a parameter or simply zoom in
and add it as a new key again. Repeat this as long as you wish. Then you only need
to set

the desired number of frames of the animation and the animation size, then click
on the

start-gadget, then you can watch TV and let the program work...

- Del Key

Makes, what it says...

- Key Up / Key Down

These gadgets alter the position of a key.

- Key to Pic

A disadvantage of copying the keys is, that nobody can change a parameter of a key
. But even looking at

the parameters isn't possible. A key isn't a picture, so it can't be calculated,
so parameterwindows can't be opened. If you obtain an animfile from a friend, you
are totally

helpless. You can only calculate it, you are not even able to find out, what
fractal type this animation

calculates. With the help of this gadget now it's possible to convert a key back
to a picture, then

calculate it and change parameters and perhaps delete the old key while inserting the new one. ←

- Start / Abort

If you click on the gadget 'Start', an animation is launched. For that purpose a fractal window is opened and a task created in order to calculate the fractal. Of course the program isn't blocked by the animation. You can calculate as many fractals as you wish, only a second animation you can't launch. In order to make it clear to the user the gadgets are all disabled, except the 'Abort'-gadget. ←

- Load/Save

With these gadgets keylists are loaded or saved (and loaded by a friend with a faster amiga...) ←

Timesettings

The animation system is now oriented more to the time as before. There exists a definable timeunit, which can be interpreted as the time which a single frame stays onto the screen. Now one sees at once, how long an animation will last and at what time a key will be displayed. ←

Moment

These two gadgets, both are read-only, show, at what moment the active key will be displayed. The one shows the time in seconds from the beginning, the other the number of frames since start of the animation. ←

relative to the last

The above of the two gadgets, its read only, shows the timedifference to the last key, i.e. how much time lays between the display of the last key and the active key. The other of the two gadgets - it can be altered - shows the number of frames, which lies between the last key and the active key. ←

total

The two gadgets, both are read-only, show, how long the animation will last, and out of how many frames it consists. The Duration of course is the number of frames multiplied with the timeunit... ←

Timeunit

Here you can set the timeunit. Normally this is the value 0.05, i.e. 0.05 seconds per frame, i.e. 20 frames per second. If you alter this value, all times will change, but all frame numbers will be the same. In order to alter the framenumbers, but not the times, one must click onto 'Normalize Time'. ←

Normalize Time

This gadget sets the timeunit to 0.05, doesn't alter the moment of a frame, but does recalculate all framenumbers.

Guess, the timeunit is 0.05 and you would like to increase all framenumbers in order to 'smooth' the animation. Then you have to set the timeunit to 0.1. This results in an animation, which lasts twice as long. But it contains the same number of frames as before. Then you click onto 'Normalize Time'. This now sets the timeunit to 0.05.

It doesn't alter the times, but does recalculate the frame numbers. Because the animation now lasts twice as long, and the timeunit is the same, twice as many frames are needed.

If you want to decrease the number of frames, act accordingly.

Calculate time

This gadget tries to calculate an ideal number of frames between the last key and the active key. For this purpose it examines all parameters, in which the two keys differ and calculates a framenumbers according to their differences.

Calculate all

Same as 'Calculate time', but for all keys at once

Others

Buffer

Here you choose the buffer for the calculation of the animation. You need a buffer for 3D-animations or 24 Bit.

I recommend using an IEEEESP-Buffer for 3D-animations, because otherwise there may occur some nasty effects due to the Integer-Buffer.

Interpolation

Here you can choose, whether the single keys should be interpolated linearly, or whether a spline should be calculated between two keys (currently it's a cubic spline).

In case of linear interpolation there occur some jerk-effects, especially when zooming. Well, I personally like this effect...This will naturally be avoided with the spline-interpolation.

Savemode

Here you can choose, whether the animation should be saved in AnimOpt5-format, so that the animation can be displayed without problems from any other available animation-player,

or whether every frame should be saved as a single IFF-ILBM-picture. In this case you can define the basename of every picture right after the start of the animation.

The single pictures then get the basename and a number appended (the framenumbers). This choice is needed, because AnimOpt5 isn't capable of 24Bit-animations. In the case of Savemode=pictures you can choose the planedepth upto 24 Bit.

Width / Height

- With these gadgets you can define the size of the animation. If you define false values (too big or too small) then the values are set to legal ones by the program. If 3D isn't chosen, these

values are responsible for the size of the 2D fractal window, otherwise they define the size of the 3D fractal window.

Planes

- Some fractal types allow calculation of an animation with a depth upto 8 planes, although the program runs only on a 6 planes screen or the hardware doesn't allow 8 planes. Here you can define, how many planes your animation should use. After that you can convert the animation to your favorite format, HAM6-mode as example.

Startframe&Endframe

These gadgets define the startframe and the endframe. If your computer suddenly crashes, or if you want to recalculate parts of your animation, you can set these gadgets to your desired values. If you set 'EndFrame' to 0, then this is the same as the highest possible framenummer.

3D-Animation

- Some fractal type can be displayed in 3D. If you want this, make sure that this gadget has a checkmark. In this case, 2 windows are opened automatically, the 2D- and the 3D-window and the content of the 3D-window is saved as animkey.

1.12 CycleControl-Window

2.2.5 CycleControl-Window

This window is ment to give you better control over the colorcycling-feature of ChaosPro.

There exist 3 gadgets:

Colorcycling

- Switches Colorcycling on/off

Speed

- Sets the colorcycling-speed, range from 20 to 999.

Direction

- Should be cycled upwards or downwards?

1.13 User Defined Windows

2.2.6 User defined Windows

You can define an infinite number of windows. All windows have a vertical button-gadget-bar.

If you click onto a button, then an Arexx-Script is executed. So you can add some not implemented features to the program.

The structure of the windows is defined by the ASCII-file "Windows.asc", which must be in the directory ChaosPro/Prefs. It's structured like following:

```
WINDOW <windowtitle> <Arexx-Script>
GADGET <gadgetname> <Arexx-Script>
...
GADGET <gadgetname> <Arexx-Script>
WINDOW <windowtitel> <Arexx-Scripts>
GADGET <gadgetname> <Arexx-Script>
...
GADGET <gadgetname> <Arexx-Script>
WINDOW <windowtitel> <Arexx-Scripts>
...
END
```

The Arexx-Script, that's placed in the line with the WINDOW-keyword, is executed every time the window is opened. Please make sure that the structure of this file is correct, because otherwise a guru meditation may occur (although I think, this mustn't happen). If you have wrote this file, then you have to translate it by the Preferencesprogram

It creates a file called ChaosPro/Prefs/Windows.prefs.

I hope, the compilation-routine detects all possible errors, so a guru meditation is somehow improbable.

1.14 Dockwindows

2.2.7 Dockwindows

At this time the program has 3 dockwindows.

Dock1

No. 1 controls all windows, which can be opened separately for every fractal. The effect of each gadget should be clear, if not, you can try it, then you see it...

Dock2

No. 2 controls all windows, which can only be opened once throughout the program

Dock3

No. 3 offers some actions, which can be applied to fractals. You find these actions in the menu, too, but I think it's easier to just click onto a gadget than to choose a menu item. The first two gadgets call the Undo/Redo-routines of ChaosPro. They are symbolized by 2 different small fractals, which are (apparently?) in a list. 'Undo' lets you walk back in the list (arrows point to left), 'Redo' lets you walk forth (arrows point to the right side).

Below these 2 gadgets there are the actions 'Box zoom in' and 'Box zoom out', ←
 below these
 a gadget, which executes the routine 'SavePictureToIFF'.

1.15 Formeleditor für Julia/Mandel

2.2.8 Formeleditor für Julia/Mandel

ChaosPro now offers a powerful formula editor for Julia- and Mandelbrotsets, so ←
 you can type in your own formula and create a

Julia- or Mandelbrotset
 of it.

It's very useful to first read some stuff about Julia- and Mandelbrotsets. ←
 Otherwise you will
 have serious trouble to understand the following chapter. In fact, I personally
 always have some trouble, if I want to create a new formula. It's quite difficult ←
 ...
 As far as I know, the formula editor of ChaosProV2.0 is the most powerful one on ←
 either the
 Amiga, the Atari, the Macintosh and the PC, unfortunately it's also the most ←
 complicated
 one...

Now let me explain the features of it. After that I'll explain the gadgets, if
 necessary:

ChaosPro divides every formula in some parts. The first part is the initialization ←
 part.
 All formula editors, which I know, have only the ability (or don't have even this ←
 feature),
 to specify one single initializer. But, just as an example, for the calculation of
 Mandelbrotset it's necessary, to examine the orbits of all critical points. If you ←
 look at the standard
 formula z^2+c , then there's only one critical point (nullpoint of the first ←
 derivation), and this is the
 0. In order to input this formula, you of course would have to specify only one
 initializer, the '0'. But other formulas of course can have several critical ←
 points, and all of them have to be examined
 to get the real Mandelbrotset. Well, ChaosPro is able to do this...

The second part of a formula is the part about the iteration formulas. This part ←
 can
 consist of several subparts, too. In order to input the standard Mandelbrotset, of ←
 course
 here again only one part has to be specified, ' $z^2+pixel$ '.
 Every iteration element consists of 2 formulas, one formula, which is the ←
 condition for the iteration,
 and the second formula, the iteration function itself. In order to understand the ←
 whole system,
 it is necessary to know how ChaosPro calculates the points:
 Let us assume, you have a point z , which is initialized to the first critical ←
 value.

Then the iteration part starts. At first the condition of the first element is evaluated.

If the result is 'true' (well, not 0...), then the corresponding iteration function is applied to z.

Otherwise the next iteration element is taken, the condition is evaluated, if it is true, then this iteration function is applied and so on and so forth. If none of the conditions was true, then there's some sort of a syntax error (this shouldn't occur, otherwise the creator of the formula made a mistake). The program then just takes the last iteration element and applied it to z. Seems quite strange, doesn't it?

Well, let me explain the reason for this behaviour:

Barnsley, a fractal expert, examined a special class of fractals. He changed the iteration formula while iterating.

For example, if the real part of z is less than 0, then the function $(z+1)*c$ is applied, otherwise the function $(z-1)*c$ is applied. With the help of ChaosPro you now are able to calculate such fractals, too.

The third (and the last) part of a formula is the abort part. Here you can specify an abort condition. If this condition is true, then the iteration procedure is stopped. The 'normal' abort criteria is something like $\text{sqreroot}[\text{real}(z)*\text{real}(z)+\text{imag}(z)*\text{imag}(z)] > \text{Bailout}$. If you know something about biomorphism, then you already know, that it makes sense to change this simple criteria.

Now you can specify a whole formula for this purpose. All the 'normal' abort conditions like 'test for infinity', 'test for a finite attractor', etc. are still available. Additionally you can choose 'formula defined' in parameter window number 2, and this 'formula defined' is just the abort criteria you specified with the formula. If you choose it, then the iteration stops as soon as the condition is 'true'. Now you can define your own areas, perhaps abort, if $\text{real}(z)$ less than -10 or something like this?

Now let me algorithmically write down, what I said:

How does ChaosPro now calculate a fractal, which uses a user defined formula ?

1. Take the first initialization element
2. evaluate the initialization formula, thus initialize 'z', thus $z = \text{result of formula evaluation}$
3. Take the first iteration element
4. Evaluate the condition of this element
 - 4a. if condition='true', then apply the corresponding iteration function to 'z' and go to step 5.
 - 4b. if condition='false', then take the next iteration element and go to step 4.
 - 4c. if no more iteration elements exist, then apply the last iteration function to 'z'

5. check for all specified abort criteria, check if MaxIt is reached.
- 6a. if no abort, then go to step 3
- 6b. abort, take the next initialization element, if one is available, and go to ←
step 2. If no element is there, then the point
is completely calculated.
7. A value was calculated for every initialization element. Determine the minimum ←
of this set. Assign this
minimum to the point.

Description of the gadgets

Mode

This gadget determines the contents of the listview.

There are 3 possibilities:

1. All available formulas are shown by their name.
2. All initializers of the chosen formula are shown.
3. All iteration elements of the chosen formula are shown.

Right beneath there is a gadget, which contains the name of the chosen formula
.

4 gadgets right beneath the listview

These 4 gadgets let you add a new formula, delete the active formula, load a ←
formula or
save the active formula. Kind of easy, isn't it?

Gadgets under the listview

Here is the place to change the formula. If you understood the above explanation, ←
then there shouldn't be any questions.

If you didn't understand the text above, then let me know. I then have to rewrite ←
this
section...

Remark:

The first 6 formulas are built into the program, so they are of course faster than ←
if you
would generate them with the formula editor. So don't be confused, if you can't ←
change
them...

2. The parser and its functions

The parser doesn't know a difference between A, B, C, ... and a, b, c, ... More ←
than 2 parameters aren't allowed.

The wasn't enough place for them in the parameterwindow 1. Parameter 1 is always ←
the
parameter, which is the first in alphabetic order.

The parser knows the following functions:

+ - * / ^ - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Potenz
sin - the Sinefunction
cos - the Cosinefunction

tan - the Tangensfunktion
 asin - the Arcussinefunktion
 acos - the Arcuscosinefunktion
 atan - the Arcustangensfunktion
 abs - the Absolutfunktion (Absolut value)
 ln - the natural logarithm
 exp - the Exponentialfunktion
 log - the Logarithm to the basis 10
 sinh - the Sine Hyperbolicus
 sqrt - Square Root
 tanh - Tangens Hyperbolicus
 cosh - Cosine Hyperbolicus
 cotan - Cotangens
 cotanh - Cotangens Hyperbolicus
 conj - the conjugiert complex of a number
 real - the real part of a complex number
 imag - the imaginary part of a complex number
 acot - the Arcuscotangens
 asinh - Area Sine Hyperbolicus
 acosh - Area Cosine Hyperbolicus
 atanh - Area Tangens Hyperbolicus
 acoth - Area Cotangens Hyperbolicus
 arg - the argument (phase ?) of a number (the angle between 0 and 2*pi)
 e - a constant: the 'Euler-number'
 i - a constant: the imaginary unit
 p - a constant: Pi - the circlenumber
 z - this parameter is the variable of a formula and should be anywhere in the formula...
 pixel - the complex number, which corresponds to the screen position..
 .
 12.44 - a number - is treated as a constant
 && - logical AND
 || - logical OR
 ! - logical NOT
 == - logical EQUAL
 >= - greater or equal
 <= - less or equal
 != - unequal
 > - greater
 < - less
 t - TRUE
 f - FALSE

3. The parser and its errors

- "Error in formula detected. Brackets are wrong, I think. Not translated ..."

Here you should examine your brackets. The parser encountered the end of the formula while
 not all the opened brackets were closed, or it encountered a closing bracket, which doesn't match to
 any opening bracket.

- "Error in formula detected. There's a character I don't understand. Not translated
 ...

Here the parser encountered at the beginning of the translation process an unknown character like "~" and had stopped immediately.

- "Error in formula detected. There's something wrong with the operators or the syntax. Not translated..."

This error mustn't occur. If it does, send me a mail with the corresponding formula.

- "Formula too complex. More than two parameters aren't allowed. Not translated ...

This error message should be clear.

Except z you can only have 2 more parameter, consisting of a letter except e, i, p, z, ...

- "Formula error. Number of operators doesn't match the number of the operands. Not translated..."

This error means that during a test-calculation of the formula there were operands left.

or during this test suddenly no operand were left to perform the operation defined by

the operator. This sounds a bit complicated, so I show you now a few examples, which provoke

this error:

a) $a**b$

Here now the program tries a test-calculation. There are 2 operators, two multiplications.

Always 2 operands are multiplied together to form a result. One says, that multiplication

is a dyadic operation. To get a correct result, there have to be 3 operands, but there are only 2, called

'a' and 'b'. So here are too many operators compared to the number of operands.

b) $b b$

Here now is no operator available, but 2 operands. The parser starts a test-calculation, has finished

immediately and recognizes that not only one operand is left which it would interpret as the result, but two

operands. So there are now too many operands in the "formula"...

1.16 Formula editor for IFS

2.2.9 Formula editor for IFS

Again I assume, that you know about the theoretical basis of iterated function systems. Otherwise please read

the chapter about this topic.

Well, the goal is, to define a system of affine transformations, where every affine transformation has a probability assigned, which determines, how often this transformation is used.

ChaosPro now is able to calculate the attractor of such an IFS.

Description of the gadgets

The listview of course lists all currently known IFS. Above this listview there is a gadget, which shows you the name of the currently selected IFS and which lets you change this name.

Right beneath there are 5 buttons, which do the following:

1. Add a new IFS. After you click onto this button, you are prompted for the number of affine transformations of the IFS. After the creation of a new IFS the number of transformations can be changed only indirectly by cloning an IFS.
2. Clone the currently active IFS. Again the user is prompted for the desired number of affine transformations of the new IFS. The values of the active IFS are intelligently copied into the newly created IFS, that means, if there are less affine transformations, then of course not all transformations are copied, and if there are now more affine transformations, then all transformations are copied and all the values of the unused transformations are set to 0.
3. Load an IFS from a storage device (well, your harddisk...).
4. Save the IFS to a storage device.
5. Delete the currently selected IFS.

If you have specified too few affine transformations while adding a new IFS, then the only possibility to change this is, to clone the IFS and now specify more transformations.

Below the 5 buttons there is a slider, which shows the number of the transformation, which is currently shown. Just move it around to see the other transformations. Below the slider there is the gadget, which shows the probability, with which the transformation is chosen.

The above part of the window contains a 3x3-matrix, which is responsible for the rotation and scaling.

If you just want 2D-IFS, then of course only the upper left 2x2-matrix is interesting. Set the third row and

the third line to 0. Right the matrix there is a vector mit 3 elements, which is responsible for the displacement. Again, if you just want to create a 2D-IFS, then only the upper 2 elements are of interest, the third element should be 0.

One additional feature has been added. You can assign a variable (four variables are available) to an element of the matrix, the vector or the probability, rather than assigning a fixed number.

This really makes much sense, because the parameter window number 1 contains gadgets for 4 variables 'a', 'b', 'c' and 'd'. If you want to examine, what happens, if one constantly changes the first component of the vector, then it is desirable to calculate an animation about this.

But the whole animation system doesn't know anything about formulas, it only operates on fractals and their data structure. It would be quite difficult to change the animation system to operate on formulas, mainly because formulas can change not only in values, but rather in size, too!

So the animation system can only operate on values, which are displayed in the parameter windows.

And this is the reason for the implementation of variables in the formula editor. You now simply could specify the variable 'a' as the first element of the vector, then change 'a' in the parameter window 1, add some key frames and then you could start the calculation of the animation.

Unfortunately you can only type floating point values into the floating point gadgets of the formula editor. So you can't simply write 'a' into it. Instead of this the variables are coded as numbers. Instead of 'a' you simply write '100', instead of 'b' you write '101', instead of 'c' '102' and instead of 'd' '103'. Of course this means, that 100, 101, 102 and 103 can't be used as normal numbers. But that should not be a problem. Just write 100.0001, 101.0001, etc.

1.17 Formula editor for L-Systems

2.2.10 Formula editor for L-Systems

Again I assume, that you know about the theoretical basis of LSystems. Otherwise please read the chapter about this topic.

You'll find a listview in this window, which shows all formulas of type LSystem. And again, above this listview there is the gadget, which shows the name of the formula, and which you can change ...

Below the listview there are 5 buttons:

1. 'Add': This adds a new formula of type LSystem to the list. The user is prompted for the number of 'rules', which he wished, should his

formula have. After that the user is prompted for the maximal entry size of a rule ←
 . Of course, this determines the
 size of the formula on hard disk (if saved) and in memory, so don't set this value ←
 artificially high. But keep in mind,
 if this value is too small, then it's quite annoying. You just type in a rule, ←
 press return, and a requester says, that the rule is
 too long...You then have to clone the formula. You then can choose higher values
 .

2. 'Clone': This button clones the currently active formula. Again the user is ←
 prompted for the number of rules of the formula and
 the maximal entry size. The formula, which is to clone, is then copied into the ←
 new formula.
 If you have made a slight mistake while adding a new formula, that means, you have ←
 specified a too small
 number of rules or a too small entry size (or a too big one...), then you simple ←
 have to clone the formula. Correct these
 values, then delete the old formula, if you don't need it any more.

Load, Save, Delete should be quite clear. If not, mail me, ok ? ;-)

The lower part of the window then allows you to define the formula. This firstly ←
 is the so called 'axiom',
 then the angle, which a '+' or a '-' add or subtract, below this a slider, which ←
 chooses the rule, which
 is shown below. A rule always has the form <Character>=<String>, don't use spaces
 !

Well, lets come to the commands, which ChaosPro understands:

(Just imagine a turtle, which can rotate itself, change the color, move forward ←
 and make
 such things...)

F: Draws a line into the actual direction using the actual color of the actual ←
 length.

f: Same as 'F', but doesn't draw the line (well, 'F' draws, 'f' moves...)

+: Rotates the turtle using the actual angle counter clock-wise. At the beginning ←
 this

is the angle specified in the formula editor window.

-: Makes the same as '+', but rotates the turtle clock-wise.

[: Pushes all changeable values - the length of a step, the color, the position, ←
 the direction, etc. onto

a stack

]: counter part to '[' , restores a state of the turtle from the stack, i.e. the ←
 turtle gets a new

position, a new direction, a new color, etc...

|: turtle turns back, it rotates by 180 degree...

Special commands:

'a', 'l' and 'c': These commands affect the angle ('a' for 'Angle'), the length of ←
 a step of the turtle ('l') and the color ('c' for
 'Color').

Of course, there must be number or something like this after these commands in ←
 order to change the values. Otherwise the commands would

be useless. In order to enable a fast processing of a formula, the format of the ←
 numbers, which follow the commands,

is very strict defined. It would cost a huge amount of time to convert a number into a computer readable form.

So the following rules exist:

- Either a number of the form `<xx>` follows the command, then this is interpreted as `<Character>=<xx>`

Example: `a12` or `a03` ==> `a=12` or `a=3` (you MUST write `a03`, you MUSTN'T write `a3!!`)

- Or: A '+' or '-' and after that a number of the form `<xx>`, then this is interpreted as `<Character>=<Character>+<xx>`

Example: `a+02` or `a-13` ==> `a=a+3` or `a=a-13`

- Or: A '*' or '/' and after that a number of the form `<x.x>`, then this is interpreted as `<Character>=<Character>*<x.x>`

Example: `c*1.3` or `c*0.1` ==> `c=c*1.3` or `c=c*0.1`

Annotation:

1. The command 'a' doesn't rotate. It just affects the rotation angle used by '+' and '-'

The turtle can be rotated only with the commands '+' and '-', which use the rotation angle.

2. Instead of 'a', 'l' and 'c' you may use 'A', 'L' and 'C'.

1.18 2D/3D-Fractalwindows

2.3 Fractals

2.3.1 The 2D/3D-Fractalwindows

In the 2D-fractalwindow the 2D-fractal-picture is displayed. It corresponds always to the actual parameterset, so every time a value is changed, it's calculated again.

The 2 dynamic systems are already 3D-fractals, they are always shown in the 2D-fractalwindow.

The following actions are possible (except for type=Plasma):

1. Cursor-keys or Joystick in port 2

If you press one of these keys, the fractal-picture is shifted 8 pixels to left/right/ up/down.

2. Spacebar or fire on joystick in port 2

This zooms in the fractal. If enough memory is available, then a short zoom-in-movie is calculated by scaling the picture.

3. Clicking onto the fractal and moving the mouse around

"Grabs" the fractal and moves it around.

4. Doubleclick onto an interesting detail of the fractal.

This action zooms into the fractal and brings the place, onto which you have double-clicked, at the middle of the window.

In the 3D-fractalwindow always the to the parameters corresponding 3D-fractal is displayed. ←

This 3D-view is only possible with
julia-/mandelbrotsets

With

dynamic systems
(that are already 3D-fractals) and with
bifurcationdiagrams
it's not possible to calculate a 3D-view.

(What should be drawn as a 3D-view of the bifurcationdiagrams ?)

All other not supported key-presses are transmitted by the keyboardcontrol- modul to the datawindow of the fractal and if this window also doesn't understand the ← key,

then the events are transmitted to the parameterwindows. This makes it possible to ← press

the shortcut for increasing the iteration-value in the fractal-window which doesn' ← t understand this and

transmits it to the parameterwindow. I've built in this feature, because there was ← always

the wrong window the active one.

1.19 Juliasets: Theory

2.3.2 Julia- and Mandelbrotsets

2.3.2.1 Theory: Juliasets

see also:

2.3.2.2 Theory: Mandelbrotsets

In the following I'm refering to the standard formula $f(z)=z^2+c$. To create a juliaset, the complex number c is changeable at the beginning, but ← fixed during iteration.

Every point in the window corresponds to a complex number out of the complex ← number-plane. The area of the complex

plane is defined by the area-values in the parameterwindow 1.

The question is now, what happens, if you initialize z with the to the screenpixel ← corresponding complex

number and then applies the formula in an iterativ manner.

So:

z =to the screenpixel corresponding complex number

$z_1=f(z)=z^2+c$

$z_2=f(f(z))=f(z_1)=z_1^2+c$

$z_3=f(f(f(z)))=f(z_2)=z_2^2+c$

...

The juliaset consists of all points, which don't lead to an attractiv set of ← points, in other words

(contrapositiv), all points, which don't belong to the juliaset, are attracted by another point called attractor, or, to be more general, are attracted by a set of points, a cyclus.

This means, that the juliaset isn't this fantastic colored picture, but the black, booring area.

All the points, which are coloured, are the points, which lead to an attractor, and so they don't belong to the juliaset.

critical points: $f'(z)=0$, i.e. $2z=0$, i.e. $z=0$

fixed points: $z=f(z)$, $0.5 \pm \sqrt{0.25-c}$ and $z=\infty$

- Fixed points and Eigenvalues

The interested reader of course has checked it: The juliaset is determined mainly by the

attractiv points, points, which solve the equation $z=f(z)$, the fixed points. It's possible,

that a point z_0 is a fixed point, but it's not an attractiv point, i.e. if a point is

very close to z_0 , then it 'flees' away from z_0 under some circumstances. So now the question is, when is a fixed point z_0 attractiv and when not. To decide this, you only have to calculate $f'(z)$, you have to differenciate $f(z)$. In this case $f'(z)=2z$. If you then take a z very close to a fixed point z_0 (really very close, infinite close to z_0),

and calculate $f(z)$, then you recognize, that approximaly the following is right: $|f(z)-z_0|=|f'(z_0)*(z-z_0)|$ (compare it with the equation of the tangente in the point z_0)

So you now recongnize, that attraction or repulsion depends on the absolut value of $f'(z_0)$, the so called 'Eigenwert'

of the fixed point z_0 . If $|f'(z_0)| < 1$, then the distance of $f(z)$ and z_0 is shorter than

the distance of z and z_0 , so z_0 is attractiv. If $|f'(z_0)| > 1$, then the distance is greater, z_0

is repulsiv. If $|f'(z_0)| = 1$, then the fixed point is neutral. In this case many other interesting

things may occur.

In the standard formula $f(z)=z^2+c$ you get the fixed points by solving the equation

$$f(z)=z, \text{ i.e. } z^2+c=z.$$

The 2 results are:

$$z_1=0.5+\sqrt{0.25-c}$$

$$z_2=0.5-\sqrt{0.25-c}$$

So if you want to calculate an interesting juliaset, you have to choose 'c', so that the Eigenwerte of the fixed points are less than 1.

Due to theoretical reasons the infinite point has to be considered as an attractive fixed point, although

it's clear, that in practice this 'point' isn't attractive. To calculate the Eigenwert of infinite

isn't much intelligent. It's always an attractive 'fixed point'. Due to this, most of the other fractal

creation programs only check a point, whether it is attracted by the infinite point, guessing, that it's

the only one. Well, this produced nice pictures and that was all they wanted.

All the above mentioned can be made a bit more complicated. At the beginning I mentioned that not only points can be attractive, but also a set of points, a cyclus with a specific lenght. This is as example a set of 3 points (cyclus lenght is equal to 3) z_1, z_2, z_3 which fulfil the following:
 $f(z_1)=z_2$ $f(z_2)=z_3$ $f(z_3)=z_1$
altogether: $f(f(f(z_1)))=z_1$
If you use f with z_1, z_2 or z_3 three times, then again the result is z_1, z_2 , or z_3

With this program you can also check and search for a cyclus. But don't expect me telling you the theory, because not even I do understand it...

A bit more about juliasets you can find in the following chapters, where the various parameters are discribed. There hopefully you realize, how this program works in order to calculate the pictures.

If you haven't understood this chapter, then the probability is relativ high that you sit in front of the monitor looking at a black area and wondering why this isn't a nice, good looking, colorful fractal.

Well, and now something interesting especially for the mathmaticians:
Newton's Way for Estimating Nullpoints

Newton (who other could it be ?) was engaged in getting an approximate value for the nullpoints of polynomials $P(z)$. The formula he found was:
 $f(z)=z-P(z)/P'(z)$
At the beginning you initialize z with a value, then you apply the formula in an iterativ manner to z again and again until the functionvalue doesn't change any more. The problem which Newton hadn't solved and which even now isn't solved is, what initial value you have to choose for z so that this method converges, and can you in any way get all nullpoints of the polynomial with this method?

This problem isn't solved at this time. To get a picture, they use the computer. If you check the method out you will find that it's an ordinary juliaset just with a user defined formula.
Let be $P(z)=z^3+2$, so $P'(z)$ equals to $3*z^2$
As $f(z)$ you have to define $z-(z^3+2)/(3*z^2)$. Then you have to compute the juliaset of this.
Please note, that nowhere in this formula is a variable parameter c , so it's totally booring, to calculate the mandelbrotset of this. To get the desired picture, you now have to say to the computer that

it should look for finite attractors (these are the nullpoints of the polynom $P(z)$). So you have to click on the corresponding gadget in the parameterwindow 2. The resulting image is the so called 'Basin of Attraction' of the polynom. If you then open the datawindow, you will find the endpoint of the calculation beneath 'End:'. This is the finite attractor, a good approximation for a nullpoint of the polynom. If you move the mouse pointer around, you can see very clearly, what initial value for z results in what nullpoint. We now have a polynom of degree 3. There are only 2 cases possible: Either are all 3 nullpoints real, or there is a real nullpoint and 2 complex which are conjunct complex to themselves. The second possibility you can see in the image as you can really easy check out. If you now look at the fractal you are recognizing quickly why the mathematicians have so big trouble with so easy to express problems.

Hint:

The tranformation of this fractal into the 3th dimension isn't very attractiv. That's because for finite attractors the continuous potential method in my implementation fails.

1.20 Mandelbrotsets: Theory

2.3.2.2 Theory: Mandelbrotsets

See also:

2.3.2.1 Theory: Juliasets

Mainly there are 2 different types of juliasets:

Type A) The juliaset is 'dusty', i.e. it consists of infinite many incoherent points.

Type B) The juliaset is 'coherent', i.e. it consists of a variety of lines, areas, or something like this.

The type of a juliaset is determined by the parameter, in the case of the standard formula

$f(z)=z^2+c$ it is determined by 'c'.

The mandelbrotset now shows graphically, for what values of 'c' the corresponding juliaset is

'dusty' or 'coherent'.

Julia, the inventor of the juliasets, has thought out a trick to decide, wheater the juliaset is

dusty or coherent without calculating the whole image. To do this, only the critical points are to examine.

The critical points of a formula are the points, for which f' is equal to 0. If $f(z)=z^2+c$, then

$f'(z)=2*z$, so the only critical point is 0. To build the mandelbrotset all critical points have to be examined.

This version of the program can't do this. It can only examine one critical point at a time. Due to this, the resulting image

isn't correct, if more than one critical point is existant. To get the right image, you can go the following way:

Let the program examine the critical points one after another and save the images to disk. ←

If you have done so, then start a paintprogram and paste the pictures to one picture together. ←

The result is the correct mandelbrotset.

So a mandelbrotset is made like follows:

Dependent on the area out of the complex plane you initialize c with the to the screenpixel corresponding ←

complex value and z with the critical point. Then you iterate the formula, i.e. you calculate $f(z)$, then $f(f(z))$, etc. ←

If the result leads to infinite, then the juliaset determined by the value of ' c ' is dusty. If it leads ←

to a finite attractor - a point or a cyclus - then the coresponding juliaset is coherent.

Due to this the mandelbrotset is a kind of a landscape for all the juliasets you can ←

calculate from a formula. Very often it happens that you have big troubles setting a ←

suitable value for ' c ' to calculate a nice juliaset. In this case you only have to calculate the corresponding mandelbrotset. In this image you have to look where your ←

booring parametervalue lies and so you have the answer to the question, why the image ←

isn't nice. A solution now is, to choose a value for ' c ' which lies at the border of the mandelbrotset. ←

There you can expect that the corresponding juliaset doesn't know exactly, if it is dusty or coherent ←

(of course, the juliaset knows it, but not the computer). Inside the mandelbrotset the ←

juliaset is mostly a big ugly area. Outside it's dusty, almost all points don't belong ←

to the juliaset, but lead very quickly to an attractor.

For a very simple choose of the parameter of a juliaset see the menuitem Set Juliaparameter ←

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2.3.2.3 Parameterwindow 1

Parameter

- Dependent on the formula there are 0, 1 or 2 complex parameters choosable. These are to define here. ←

If 2 parameter are to be chosen, then the first parameter matches the parameter which comes ←

first in the alphabet. The parameter is for juliasets decisive because these define the exact locations ←

of the fixed points and the Eigenwerte. They are to be defined in respect to this.

For a simplified choose of the parameter it would be very comfortable, if it would be shown ←

in the mandelbrotset. This can be done by choosing the menuitem Set Juliaparameter . The ←

mandelbrotset of z^2+c as example is a kind of a landscape for all juliasets z^2+c ←
 Interesting juliasets can be found at the border of the mandelbrotset.

The first parameter can't be chosen in conjunction with mandelbrotsets because it' ←
 s
 initialized with the to the screenpixel corresponding complex value.

Iterationen

- The quality of a julia-/mandelbrotset depends widely on the iterationvalue. The higher the better, but also the slower the calculation. With the slider you can easily change the value without the keyboard. If you click onto it, then it adds ←
 its value
 to the actual iterationvalue. If you then let it, it snaps back to the ←
 nullposition.

Alternatively you can make a greater change of the iterationvalue by directly ←
 inserting the
 new value into the gadget. After that you must leave the gadget by pressing the ←
 return- or the tab-key.

As described in the theoretical chapters, all points must be filtered out, if they are of an ordered type, i.e. if they are attracted by a set of points (juliaset) ←
 or

if they are attracted by the infinite attractor (mandelbrotset).

Due to the optical appearance these 'ordered' points are colored according to the ←
 number

of iterations it lasted, until the program recognized, that the point is 'ordered ←
 '.

All these points belong to the outside of the julia-/mandelbrotset. If a point after the adjusted number of iterations isn't of an 'ordered type', then it is ←
 considered to be of 'chaotic type'
 and drawn as if it belongs to the julia-/mandelbrotset.

Passes

- With this you can set the number of draw-passes. Due to the condition of the ←
 julia-/mandelbrotset
 one can draw a conclusion out of same iterationvalues at the corner of a rectangle ←

Because there are 'bands' of same iterationvalues, the whole inner of the ←
 rectangle most probably
 is of the same iterationvalue. Well, this conclusion isn't always correct, it's of ←
 course
 totally wrong for 'dusty' juliasets, but it helps to decrease the calculation time ←

And anyway, if you have a 'dusty' juliaset, you don't see the dust even if you ←
 choose '1-Pass'

which means that no conclusions are made, every pixel is calculated.

This is because it's totally improbable that out of the limited number of points ←
 which are

drawn even one single point falls into the dusty juliaset. They fall almost always ←
 a very very little

beneath the juliaset and so the points are considered to be of 'ordered type' and ←
 don't belong to the

julia-/mandelbrotset. To avoid this, other calculation methods would have to be ←
 implemented, the

distance-method with continuous potential as example, which calculates the ←
 distance of every point from

the juliaset (yes, this is possible).

Ausschnitt

- The juliaset shows what happens with the points of the complex plane, if you apply the formula in an iterative manner to every point of the plane. Here you can choose the area out of the complex plane.
- If you draw the mandelbrotset, this defines the area out of the complex plane which is to be used for the parameter value 'c' of the formula.

Eliminate

If this gadget has a checkmark, then the program searches after every drawing pass for areas, whose corners have all the same iteration value. If it finds such areas, it assumes, that all points inside this area are of the same value and doesn't calculate them. This saves quite a bit time (about 30% on average). Of course this assumption about the inner values of areas isn't totally correct, but you normally won't notice it.

Angle

The 2D-fractal is accordingly rotated. This is interesting especially in conjunction with the animation system. There exist 2 gadgets to control the rotation angle. The range goes from -30000 to 30000 (degrees...).

A little theory to:

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2.3.2.4 Parameterwindow 2

Outside coloring

- several possibilities are offered:

1. Color

With this the whole outside area is drawn with the below setted color. Because the outside area normally is responsible for the nice appearance of the fractal, the sense of this is't clear at the first glance. But with this one can better display the dusty appearance of the juliaset, if it's possible. Now the many colors don't disturb.

2. Iteration

Now every pixel of 'ordered type', i.e. which is attracted by an attractor, is colored

according to the number of iterations is lasted until it was clear that it is ←
attracted.

3. CPM - an Acronym for Continous Potential Method

Whoever had a look at the second point, recognized that obviously only an integral ←
number

can be attached to every point. That's especially bad while calculating 3D views ←
of fractals

because here 'stairs' appear in the view. The picture looks like a terraced ←
landscape.

The heights jump from one value to another. This changes, if you choose this ←
method.

By means of a fairly simple function the outside area of a julia- or mandelbrotset ←
can be

transformed to the inside area of a circle with radius 1. The fascinating thing is ←
now that

the boundaries of the coloured bands, these extremely complicated curves, are ←
transformed in

concentric circles with the middlepoint 0. These circles now have a radius of ←
course and

now you can replace the iteration values with these radiuses. Another big ←
advantage

is that a point which lies in the middle of a single coloured band is transformed ←
into the

circle between the two concentric circles defined by the boundaries of the ←
neighbourhood

iteration-bands. If you now define a circle with the middlepoint 0 which contains ←
the one point

and revert the function, you'll obtain a new boundary of a band with a very ←
complicated structure

but which lies perfectly between the boundaries of the old bands!

This method now is used to attach a real (not integral) value to every point so ←
that

this terraced effect in the 3D-view is avoided. With 'Mult.' you now can determine ←
, with what number

this real number is multiplied. The program remembers no real numbers, but only ←
integral numbers, because

these don't need so much memory. So it stores integral numbers, the old real ←
numbers multiplied with 'Mult'.

This means now that a value of 100 for 'Mult' allows the program to calculate 100 ←
values between

two iterations. This is really enough for avoiding the terraced effect. If you ←
then save

it as a 24-bit fractal, the 100 additional values between two iterations are used ←
to

calculate additional colours between 2 bands.

4. DEM - an acronym for Distance Estimator Method

This algorithm basically is an enhancement of CPM. This method calculates for ←
every point an estimation

for the distance from the point to the border of the J-set or M-set. Of course ←
this is a real number, not an integer,

so this mode is great for saving in 24 bit and transforming the whole fractal into
3D.

5. DEM Border

This is just the same as DEM, but the 'Bailin'-value is used in a strange way. ↵
 Sometimes one wishes to just draw the
 edge/border of the M-set or the J-set. That means, one just wants to calculate all ↵
 points,
 which have a distance of less than 'l' to the edge of the fractal . And this 'l' ↵
 you
 can specify with 'Bailin'.

Annotation: In former times (ChaosProV1.0) it was a big problem to transform some ↵
 Mandelbrot- or
 Juliasets into 3D, so they look good. One choosed CPM, but many sudden jumps ↵
 occured, so
 the whole fractal was totally screwed up. DEM now is better in many of these cases ↵
 . 2 points, which are tight
 to each other, could get very different values, if you use CPM, but if you use DEM ↵
 , they get
 similar values. So if you weren't able to find values, so that the 3D- ↵
 transformation of a fractal
 looks good, then try DEM.

Inside coloring

- Now there are 6 possibilities:

Color - Infimum - Infimumsindex - Supremum - Supremumsindex - Magnitude of
 z

The inside area normally is one-coloured. But this can be avoided. There are some
 methods for assigning colours to points of the inside-area.

Let be $(z, z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_n)$ the way of a point z , where n is the maximum ↵
 of
 iterations.

Infimum

Here the infimum (well, it's of course the minimum, it should be the infimum) of a ↵
 point is calculated,
 i.e. the minimum of $|z_1-z|, |z_2-z|, |z_3-z|, \dots, |z_n-z|$. The minimum is ↵
 multiplied with
 'Multiplicator' and stored as an integral number.

Infimumsindex

Here the index of the infimum is calculated, i.e. the number of iterations, when ↵
 the infimum (minimum)
 appeared. If the minimum of $|z_1-z|, |z_2-z|, |z_3-z|, \dots, |z_n-z|$ is equal to $|z_3-z$ ↵
 |, then the
 index is 3.

Supremum

Here now the supremum (in reality it's the maximum) of a point from the start- ↵
 value is
 calculated, i.e. the maximum of $|z_1-z|, |z_2-z|, |z_3-z|, \dots, |z_n-z|$. The result is ↵
 then multiplied
 with 'Multiplicator' and stored as an integral number.

Supremumsindex

Here the index of the supremum is calculated, i.e. the number of iterations, when ↵
 the supremum (maximum)
 appeared.

Magnitude of z

After the maximum of iterations the absolut value of z is calculated, \leftrightarrow
 multiplied with
 'Multiplier' and stored.

I was inspired to implement these methods by the book 'The Beauty of Fractals', \leftrightarrow
 page 62,
 and of course by FractInt from the IBM-PC-Clones

Abort conditions

Here you can define, what kinds of attractors should be able to stop the iteration sequence.

1. infinite

If checked, every point is examined, whether it is attracted by the infinite point.

2. finite

If checked, every point is examined, whether it is attracted by a single finite point.

3. cyclus search

If checked, every point is examined, whether it is attracted by a cyclus (a set of \leftrightarrow
 points,

may be one single point). For this to work, you have to define the field 'Start'. \leftrightarrow
 There

you set the iteration-value, from when the search starts. It should be about the \leftrightarrow
 half of the

maximum number of iterations defined in the parameterwindow 1. This is needed, \leftrightarrow
 because a point

goes round relativ randomly on its way until it decides to be attracted by a \leftrightarrow
 cyclus.

So you should give a chance to the point to take a decision.

4. Formula defined

If choosed, then in every iteration cycle the abort condition, which is specified \leftrightarrow
 inside the formula,

is checked, too. Of course, this only works with user defined formulae and not \leftrightarrow
 with

the built in formulae.

Bailout

If every point is examined, whether it is attracted by the infinite point, then \leftrightarrow
 the question is,

how to determine, whether a point is attracted by the infinite. The following \leftrightarrow
 method

is applied almost everywhere (for exceptions see {"Biomorphy" LINK ExpertJM_Bio})

You define a circle with the middlepoint 0 and the radius 'Bailout'. If a point in \leftrightarrow
 its way falls outside this circle,

then its considered to be attracted by the infinite.

Bailin

If every point is examined, whether it is attracted by a finite point or a cyclus,
 then the program defines a circle round this finite point with the radius 'Bailin \leftrightarrow
 '.

If a point falls on its way inside this circle, then the point is considered to be \leftrightarrow
 attracted by

the corresponing point.

Theory:

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Circle inversion

- This is a geometrical transformation. It throws all outside the circle defined by 'Middlepoint' and 'Radius' inside the circle and vice versa. ↔

Biomorphy

- Normally Bailout and Bailin define circles.

Whenever points fall outside or inside the circles, the iteration sequence is stopped. ↔

But why should one define circles? Somebody experimented and defined rectangles and other ↔

areas and tested accordingly. The results are fractals which look a bit like a microorganism. ↔

That's why its called 'biomorphy'.

The exact abort conditions (the areas) are defined like follows:

(x is the real part of z, y the imaginary part)

for bailout:

$\text{abs}(x) + d * \text{abs}(y) > \text{Bailout}$

and/or

$d * \text{abs}(x) + \text{abs}(y) > \text{Bailout}$

for bailin:

$\text{abs}(x) + d * \text{abs}(y) < \text{Bailin}$

and/or

$d * \text{abs}(x) + \text{abs}(y) < \text{Bailin}$

Whether to connect these two inequations with 'and' or 'or', you can define by the cycle-gadget. In the program the variable 'd' is called 'Biomorphyvariable'. ↔

If you set $d=0$, then:

$\text{abs}(x) < \text{Bailin}$

and/or

$\text{abs}(y) < \text{Bailin}$

In the case of 'and' a rectangle, in the case of 'or' a cross.

Decomposition

- Now the outside area is subdivided in fields of angles. You define the number of fields ↔

by the value in 'Coding'. Every end-value of a point (i.e. after the maximum number of iterations) ↔

is examined, in what field it lies and coloured accordingly.

Virtual fractal calculation

Starting with V2.0 ChaosPro has the ability to calculate fractals in a virtual ←
mode.

This means, it's possible to calculate huge fractals without the need for dozens ←
of megabytes

of RAM. For example, up to now it was impossible for me, to calculate a 3D-fractal ←
of size 1024x768 in 24 bit, because I don't

have enough memory for the required buffer.

To calculate a fractal in virtual mode, you have to specify the width, the height, ←
the depth in planes, and whether a 3D-transformation

has to be performed after calculating the fractal. If you have specified these ←
values, you have

to choose the menuitem 'Fractal/Start virtual'. ChaosPro will then start the ←
calculation process. The buffer now

will not be created in RAM, but on your storage device. A file will be created on ←
this device.

Default directory is 'ChaosPro:', but this can be altered with the tooltype ' ←
Virtual=<Dir>'.

As soon as the fractal is finished a filerequester appears, asking you for the ←
name of the IFF-ILBM-file to store

the big fractal in it.

This virtual calculation is useful especially in conjunction with the printer tool ←
'Studio',

which allows you to print huge fractals, which really look excellent. Normally a
fractal of common size will somehow consist of many little squares, which doesn't ←
look

very good. Now you can print posters...

Theory:

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2.3.2.6 The Datawindow

With this window the most important data of the julia-/mandelbrotset can be ←
examined.

The window takes the mouse-position and calculates the exact values at the ←
corresponding place.

- The field 'cause' shows, why the calculation ended.
- The field 'iterations' shows, when this was the case.
- The field 'distance' shows, how far away the point is from the edge of the set

- 'Point' and 'Start' contain the same values in conjunction with juliasets. In ←
the field 'Point'

the complex number at the mouse-position (Pixel x and Pixel y) is shown. In the ←
field 'Start'

the initialization value of z is shown. In conjunction with Juliasets this of ←
course is the same as

in 'Point'. But in the case of mandelbrotsets this is the critical value, which can depend on a formula, which must first be evaluated, like with formula 2 ('m/(2m-2)').

- Infimum and Supremum

Here the minimum and the maximum of the distance of the orbit of the point to the origin is shown. Additionally the index is shown, that means, in what iteration cycle this

happened. For a deeper understanding of what I'm talking about let me refer to the coloring modes for the inside area Infimum/ Supremum/ Inf.index/ Sup.index.

Theory:

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2.3.2.7 The Formula window

ChaosPro has a relatively good editor for creating user defined formula. These formulas you can use in conjunction with

Julia- /Mandelbrotsets

.

This window lets you specify the formula to use for the Julia- or the Mandelbrotset. Please notice, that all the different coloring modes like CPM and DEM are only available for the first formula in the listview. These modes can't be selected, if you use another formula.

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2.3.2.8 Colormapping Window

This window lets you have good control over how the colors are distributed over the various iteration values. ChaosPro uses builtin functions, which are applied to the iteration values. The result then determines the color.

In order to determine the function there exist the gadgets Type, Factor, Max and Min.

'Min' determines the minimal iteration value. If a point has a value less than 'Min', then in all cases it gets the color 4.

'Max' and 'Factor' have an effect on each other. The whole range starting from 'Min'

upto 'Max' is assigned the whole palette, i.e. if there are just the iteration values from 'Min' to 'Max' in ascending order, then there will appear the palette itself. If you change 'Max', then 'Factor' will be adjusted automatically and vice versa. 'Factor' is the value, which the program directly uses, whereas 'Max' is more intuitiv for the user.

Well, let 'ItValue' be the value, which the program has calculated at a specific position (iteration value), NumCol is the number of available colors for drawing the fractal, i.e. on a 8 bit display $256-4=252$ (the first 4 colors aren't used...).

The following functions are available:

Linear

The function looks like this:

$\text{Color} = (\text{ItValue} - \text{Min}) * \text{Factor} / 100 \text{ Modulo } \text{NumCol} + 4$

This function is the most primitive (and worst) function. Normally it is used by almost every other fractal program, because it's so easy...

Sin

$\text{Color} = \text{abs}(\sin((\text{ItValue} - \text{Min}) * \text{Factor} / 10000)) * (\text{NumCol} - 1) + 4$

This function creates some interesting effects when you switch on the colorcycling mode. Due to the constant walk through the whole palette back and forth this function is good for most of the fractals.

0.75

$\text{Color} = ((\text{ItValue} - \text{Min}) * \text{Factor} / 100)^{0.75} \text{ Modulo } \text{NumCol} + 4$

Log

$\text{Color} = \log((\text{ItValue} - \text{Min}) * \text{Factor} / 100 + 1) * \text{NumCol} / 6 \text{ Modulo } \text{NumCol} + 4$

Good, if you have zoomed in many times and there appear too much too different values...

ArcTan{ub}

$\text{Color} = \text{abs}(\arctan((\text{ItValue} - \text{Min}) * \text{Factor} / 10000)) * 2 / \text{PI} * (\text{NumCol} - 1) + 4$

Quite good, because in every case higher iteration values will result in equal or higher color values. The palette is used only once, so this function is very good for deep zooms.

Sqrt

$\text{Color} = \text{sqrt}((\text{ItValue} - \text{Min}) * \text{Factor} / 100) * \text{Factor} / 20 \text{ Modulo } \text{NumCol} + 4$

In order to get a good impression of how the function with the parameters looks like, there exists a graphical representation of the function.

If you click onto the gadget 'Suggest', then the program searches the whole buffer (if available) and sets 'Min' and 'Max' to the minimal and maximal values appearing in the buffer, thus forcing, that the palette will be used only once.

1.27 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.3 Bifurcation diagrams

2.3.3 Bifurcation diagrams

2.3.3.1 Theory

I'm explaining the theory on the Verhulst-Model $f(x)=a*x*(1-x)$

This model can be interpreted as follows:

Let x be the population of a race, e.g. of hares. It's normalized, so that x is ←
from the range 0 to 1.

0 means, there is no hare, 1 means, the whole nature is full of hares, no more ←
hares are

in any way possible. Then let a be the growth rate of the population. $a=1$ would ←
mean that

the population of the hares doesn't grow. So only the factor $(1-x)$ is to explain.

It's a measure for the free place in the nature, which remains to the hares and it ←
can be interpreted as

the available amount of food, which lies again between 0 and 1.

From one year to the next the population now is calculated by simply applying the ←
function $f(x)$

to the population x .

Now let's have a look at this model:

Let a be equal to 2 (this is a really reasonable value):

If in one year the population is little, then there's much food available, so the ←
population will grow.

If the population is big, then there's less food left, so the hares die by ←
starvation.

The question now is: What balance of the population will be the result in many
years?

Let be $x_0=0.1$, $a=2$, then in the following years the population is:

$$x_1=2*0.1*0.9=0.18$$

$$x_2=2*0.18*0.82=0.2952$$

$$x_3=2*0.2952*0.7048=0.416$$

$$x_4=2*0.416*0.584=0.486$$

$$x_5=2*0.486*0.514=0.50$$

...

Here the balance is reached quickly at 0.5 and this is the result, that means, the ←
population of the hares

would be grow upto 0.5 and then constantly be at this value.

But what happens if you alter the growth rate? The question is, what balance is ←
reached, anyway, is a balance reached?

This model is a very simple one, but there are many surprising effects already in
it.

1. case: $0 < a \leq 1$

In this case x converges to 0, and this is clear, because a is our growth rate, so
the hares don't have enough children, they'll die.

2. case: $1 < a \leq 2$

Here now the population reaches quickly a balance situation, the population is ←
growing or shrinking in a monoton

way to the balance, depending on the startvalue of x .

3. case: $2 < a \leq 3$

Here also there's a balance, but the successive values of x converges in an oscillating way to the balance-point and not in a monoton way.

Now let a be greater than 3 z.B. $a=3.1$

$x_1=0.3$
 $x_2=0.651$
 $x_3=0.704$
 $x_4=0.646$
 $x_5=...$

If you calculate further, then you'll recognize, that x oscillates between two values, 0.557 and 0.764. So here we don't have a balance, the population of our hares is springing from one year to another between the two values.

If you then take a greater a , but less than 3.449489, then always the population oscillates between 2 values. But then something happens again: a period-doubling, that means, a oscillates

between 4 (!) values. At $a=3.5441$ this 4-cyclus changes to an 8-cyclus. All these values, at which the cyclus lenght doubles, are called bifurcationnodes.

This 8-cyclus mutates to a 16-cyclus, then to a 32-cyclus, etc., upto a specific value:

$a=3.569946$

From this value upto $a=4$ there it happens:

The whole thing gets chaotic, that means x oscillates randomly between any values, here now the attractor isn't a cyclus with a fixed length, but a one dimensional fractal. In this area upto 4 there are a few 'windows', e.g. at $a=3.83$, where a cyclus with the lenght 3 dominates, which mutates to a 6-cyclus, then to a 12-cyclus, a 24-cyclus, etc.

Windows like this are all over this area upto 4.

If you now look again at this model and remember, how we have started, then you are surely surprised, what strange things can happen in such a simple model. At the first glance you surely had thought, that there simply have to be any balance...

1.28 2.3 Fraktale --- 2.3.3 Bifurkationsdiagramme

2.3.3.2 Parameterwindow 1

Formel

- In the previous chapter the Verhulst-formula was examined. But other formulas may also be used.

In this program 5 of the more important formulas were built it. You can draw the bifurcation-diagram of these.

Iteration

- In order to draw the bifurcation diagram correctly, the initial value has to be

iterated sufficiently often to give it a chance to be attracted by a probably existing attractor. Only after this the program can draw the diagram correctly. In case of the bifurcation diagram the initial value is iterated half of the value, which is here defined. Then the initial value hopefully has reached its attracting cyclus. Then the point is iterated further, until the value in this field is reached, but now the various results are drawn. If you want to draw the diagram more exactly (perhaps if you have zoomed into a bifurcation), then you'll recognize, that it's not a sudden occurring bifurcation, but a wide band of various points. This isn't correct. It's the program, which isn't exact enough. There are really suddenly occurring bifurcations. In this case you should increase the iteration-value, the program then is more exact while calculating. And then there are again real bifurcations (until you don't zoom in further ...)

Variable x/Variable y/both

- This option is only available with formula 3. There you have the formulas $x=a*x*(1-x-y)$ and $y=a*x*y$, so there are 2 variables, perhaps the foxes and the hares (and the growthrate)

Which variable the program should draw, you determine with that.

a: Minimum - Maximum

- In the fractalwindow horizontally the parameter a is drawn. Here you define the minimum and the maximum value of a (the growthrate).

x/y: Minimum - Maximum

- In the fractalwindow vertically the variable x - in conjunction with formula 3 also y -

is drawn. Again here you define the minimum and the maximum.

Theory:

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2.3.3.3 Datawindow

- In the fields a and x/y the values corresponding to the actual mouse position are shown.

In the fields x and y and in the fields End x and End y the start values (initialization values) and the results (endvalues) after the here below defined number of iterations are shown.

- In the gadget cyclus the length of a eventually found cyclus is shown.

- Through the field 'Show iteration' in conjunction with the slider is defined, after how many iterations the values of x and y are transferred into the two fields 'End x' and 'End y'. This enables examining the various values of x (and y) without using the calculator.

Hint:

Though pressing the key 'I' or 'Shift+I' this value can be changed from the fractalwindow. ↵

So it's not necessary to activate the datawindow.

Theory:

Chapter 2.3.3.1

1.30 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.4 Dynamic Systems

2.3.4 Dynamic Systems

2.3.4.1 Theory

In the year 1961 the meteorologist Edward Lorenz examined a system of a few differential equations, a system, of which not the concrete points are known, from which one can calculate another, but the ↵
derivation of every point, so that an approximation of the next point can be ↵
calculated.

Well, he made his experiments and found out, that his result depends very strongly ↵
on

the used numerical precision. A very small error at the beginning caused a totally ↵
different

result. So the title of one of his publications was: "Kann das Flattern eines ↵
Schmetterlings

in Brasilien einen Orkan in Texas verursachen?" (Can the fluttering of a butterfly ↵
in Brasil cause a hurricane in Texas?). The answer was yes. So this by Lorenz ↵
discovered effect

is called "Schmetterlingseffekt" (in english perhaps "effect of a butterfly"). ↵
Edward Lorenz then

simplified his model and experimented with it. It contained only 3 differential ↵
equations:

$$dx/dt = -ax + ay$$

$$dy/dt = cx - y - yz$$

$$dz/dt = -bz + xy$$

They are read like follows:

The derivation in x-direction to the time is $-ax + ay$

The derivation in y-direction to the time is $cx - y - yz$

The derivation in z-direction to the time is $-bz + xy$

Lorenz gave a the value 10, b the value $8/3$ and experimented with different values ↵
of c. The resulting object can be interpreted as a 3-dimensional curve and, if an ↵
initial point is given, it's from a mathematical point ↵
of view (theoretically) definite, but not in practice.

Lorenz took the value 28 for c and calculated the curve for various initial points ↵

But although the curve started totally different, he found, that after a few ↵
seconds always

the same figure appeared. It had a very complicated structure, it was built from an infinite number of loops, and the whole thing was very strange... It looked like the 3-dimensional differential equations "stamped" a very complicated structure into the 3-dimensional world in his computer, a fractal attractor, which attracts every point in this world. Because the structure was so complicated, such an attractor is called "strange attractor".

Well, some of the numericians call all these effects as totally feeble-mindedness, because it's all caused by rounding-errors from the computer, so the whole story exists only in the computer and has no practical meaning. But I don't think this is correct. Fact is, that also the real nature only calculates with integer-values. That means, nothing in the nature is infinitely often dividable, from all there is a smallest thing. The lightquant, the quarks, etc. That means now, that also in the nature there must occur rounding-errors. And so the computers are perfect imitators of the nature, at least qualitatively, not quantitatively, because the number of integer-numbers in the nature is a bit greater than the corresponding in the computer world.

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2.3.4.2 Parameterwindow 1

Area

- Because the Lorenz/Roessler-attractor is threedimensional, it's a little problem to define the drawarea. In this program this is solved like follows: You define the values as if you are looking at the attractor from the front. So you define the drawarea.

Viewangles

- In order to not only view the attractor from the front, but from any point in the room, you can change the viewangles. The system, which is here used, corresponds to the system of the earth: a degree of latitude and a degree of longitude. With alpha you define the degree of longitude, with beta the degree of latitude.

Parameter

- Here you can set the 3 parameter used in conjunction with the dynamic systems. I recommend to change the values only slightly, because the systems react heavily to little changes.

Systemtype

- At this time the program offers 2 types out of the class of the continual dynamic systems,

the Lorenz attractor and the Roessler attractor. The Lorenz attractor is defined by the following 3 differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned} dx/dt &= -ax + ay \\ dy/dt &= cx - y - xz \\ dz/dt &= -bz + xy \end{aligned}$$

The Roessler attractor by these:

$$\begin{aligned} dx/dt &= -y - z \\ dy/dt &= x + ay \\ dz/dt &= b + xz - cz \end{aligned}$$

Theory:

Chapter 2.3.4.1

1.32 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.4 Dynamic Systems

2.3.4.3 Parameterwindow 2

Startpoint

- In the theoretical chapter there was mentioned, that independently from the startpoint the way of the point is always attracted by an object, which is called "strange attractor" due to its complicated structure. Everybody, who doesn't believe this, has now the possibility to check this out and to change the startpoint.

Time settings

- With 'Time' the duration is defined, how long the point is drawn. The differential equations system describes the change of the way in dependence of the time. But because the computer can't do anything with a derivation, it must replace this 'dx/dt', with is equivalent to the limes of delta x divided trough delta t for t to null, by delta x divided trough delta t with an adequately small delta t. This is what you can also choose.

Drawing speed

- The Lorenz- and the Roessler attractor can be drawn really quick. That's nice of course. But to examine the structure, to see, how it's made, it's much too quick. So if you want to see the attractor being built, then you must slow down the drawing speed. With this slider you can set the speed from 1 (slow) upto 100 (as fast as possible).

Drawmode

- There are 3 possibilities offered:
draw as points/draw as Lines/aggregated points

The first two modes draw the attractor just draw the whole attractor starting at time 0 upto the defined time. The first mode draws only the single points, which makes it look more clearly, the second mode draws a line between the last point and the new one. The third mode is a little more specific: In the theoretical chapter there was mentioned, that little differences at the beginning lead to totally different results (butterfly-effect). This can be visualized with this mode. At the beginning a 'cloud' of many points, which have almost the same position, is shown. Then every single point of this cloud is erased, its new position calculated, and drawn again. After a little while you see, that the cloud, which appeared as a single point, divides itself and the points slowly go their own ways, distributing all over the attractor. This visualizes, that a mathematical forecast of the position of a single point after a while isn't possible, because in practice the exact position at the beginning can't be determined (there are always rounding-errors). Every little inaccuracy at the beginning has after a while an unforeseeable effect. The only thing, one can say, is, that the point is somewhere on the attractor.

- With the gadget 'distance' you can define the average distance from one point to another at the beginning, so it defines the radius of the 'cloud'. The closer the points, the longer it takes, until the butterfly-effect takes place.
- With the gadget 'Points' the number of points in the cloud is defined. This value is determined mainly by the power of your computer and the gfxboard you have installed, because many WritePixel take place...
- This mode makes most fun, if the cloud consists of many points. But this needs much power, perhaps something like a 200-Mhz-68060. To avoid this, I've added a gadget, which enables a mode, in that the program draws directly into the bitplanes. This is much faster than a WritePixel, but gfxboards can't handle it. This mode overdraws all, whatever is put over the window, as example another window or the activated menu. So pay attention. If you enable this mode, then make sure, that the window is totally visible.

Theory:

Chapter 2.3.4.1

1.33 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.5 Plasma

2.3.5 Plasma

2.3.5.1 Theory

Plasma is nothing other than a 2-dimensional Brownian motion. A 1-dimensional Brownian motion can be made like following: Guess you have a point (as the base), then you take a random number. Take care, the random number generator must have $N(0;1)$ normal distribution. Then you horizontally go a step from your point to the right and according to the random number up or down, dependent on the sign of the number. Now you obtain a new point, and you are able to repeat the last steps, i.e. a new random number, make a step to right and up/down, etc... The result is something like a cut through a mountain, a zigzag-motion once up and once down. There are several other algorithms for creating a Brownian motion. One other I want to mention, because the 2-dimensional variant of it I use in the program: Guess you have two points and you want to create a Brownian motion between the two . Then you take the two points, draw a (virtual) line between them and mark the midpoint of the line between the two points. Then you take a random number, multiply it with a value, dependent on the dimension you want and dependent on the length of the interval of the two points. Then you displace the midpoint according to the number you got. You obtain 3 points and two (virtual) lines, and with them you act accordingly. This algorithm can easily be expanded to create a 2-dimensional Brownian motion. Guess you have 4 points, which form a rectangle. You take the midpoint, take a random number and displace it according to the random number. Then you displace the 4 other points in the middle of each line between 2 corners. You obtain again 4 rectangles and you can act accordingly... It's this last algorithm, which is use in my program.

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2.3.5.2 Parameterwindow 1

Sigma

- A random number is needed at every midpoint-displacement. This number is multiplied with another number, which depends on the dimension and on the length of the interval. This number is the base of this multiplicator, i.e. at the first midpoint-displacement the random number is multiplied with this number, the successing midpoints of the smaller rectangles are multiplied with parts of this number. The exact 'parts' depend on the wished dimension.

H

- This number determines directly the dimension of the object. The resulting dimension is $3-H$, i.e. if $H=0.9$, then the dimension is $3-0.9=2.1$, so it's a rough area. If $H=0.1$, then the dimension is 2.9 , so it's a very rough area, which is locally almost a space. This object you could imagine as a mountain with very much and very steep zigzags, almost space-filling...

ColorMult

- The resulting value is multiplied with this number, the result is interpreted as the colorindex. This parameter has a similar effect like 'Sigma', but it doesn't affect the values in the buffer, it only effects another interpretation of the values in it. So the Plasmafractal doesn't need to be calculated again, it only needs to be interpreted once again according to the new values. So this saves lots of time, the fractal just needs to be drawn again...

Seed

- Because this type works with random numbers and a seed of random numbers is deterministic, if calculated by the computer, it's necessary, to define a startvalue of the seed. The same value results in the same random-number-seed.

Theory:

Chapter 2.3.5.1

1.35 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.6 Lyapunov-Space

2.3.6 Lyapunov-Space

2.3.6.1 Theory

The Lyapunov-Space is similar to the bifurcation diagrams. There a formula was used, which describes the development of the population. In dependence of the growth rate there was shown, whether a balance exists in the population and if there is one, what type of balance (the length of the eventually existing cyclus). The Lyapunov-Space now has 2 growth rates, which alternate with each other in a by the user defined manner. Look at the sequence AAABB as example, let A be 3 and B be 2 (the two growth rates). Now this means, that the population of the hares grows in one year with the growth rate 3, in the next year with 3 too, and then in the next year also with the growth rate 3, (the sequence has three leading A's), then suddenly with the growth rate 2, then again with 2, and then the sequence starts again with a growth rate of 3 etc.

Now you examine this model for all different values of A and B. A is drawn ←
horizontally and B vertically.

Now we must decide, what we should draw at a concret position. Of course, we draw ←
a pixel at this place, but of what color?

With the bifurcation diagrams there were mainly two classes of points:

1. class: Values of the growth rate, which lead to a cyclus of any concret finite lenght.
2. class: Values of the growth rate, which don't lead to a balance.

Here we take this classification and color a pixel accordingly. Now the question remains, how we can decide, whether a concret point (with concret values for A and ←
B)

leads to a cyclus or diverges.

Well, let us examine the formula $f(x)=a*x*(1-x)$

We define, that there is a balance, if the average of the absolut value of the ←
derivation of $f(x)$ is less than 1, otherwise there is chaos.

But we must give a chance to the point, to be attracted by a cyclus, like we had ←
to do previously with the bufurcation diagrams.

In practice we make the logarithm, so we have the following algorithm:

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X=0.5 ; the population start value...
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    ; Now we must give a chance to X, to go to an attractor...
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```
FOR N=1 TO 4000
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    ; R is A or B, dependent on the sequence...
```

```
    X=R*X*(1-X)
```

```
NEXT N
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    ; upto here there should all be clear
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```
Sum=0
```

```
FOR N=1 TO 6000
```

```
    ; R is again A or B, dependent on the sequence...
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```
    X=R*X*(1-X)
```

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(add the absolut value of  $f'(x)=R-2*R*X$ , but take the logarithm of that)
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    Sum=Sum+Ln|R-2*R*X|
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NEXT N
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Sum=Sum/6000 ; build the average
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Well, the result, contained in the variable 'Sum', is the average of the $\ln|R-2*R* ←
X|$, the logarithm of

the derivation of the formula $f(x)$ and represents the rate, with which the ←
population grows. It is called Lyapunov-exponent.

If the average is negativ (that means, that $|R-2*R*x|$ is average less than 1), ←
then

balance takes place, otherwise chaos.

Chaos we color with a single color, mostly black. I've tested to color the chaos,
but I've found out, that it's really intelligent, to call is chaos...

If a value of less than 0 is the result (balance, in practice we get values mainly ←
downto -5),

then we multiply the number appropriate, cast it to an integer and color the ←
pixel

with this number. That's all...

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2.3.6.2 Parameterwindow 1

Formula

- These formulas are identical to the formulas at the bifurcation diagrams, except ←
that formula number 3 is missing, because
there I didn't know, what to do with the derivation.

ExpMin

- Here you can define the minimal exponent. The colors are automatically adequat ←
distributed
to the defined Lyapunov-exponent range. All values, which result in a smaller ←
exponent,
are coloured with color 4.

Start x

- Everybody, who looks at the Lyapunov-space, regocnizes these spikes, which cross ←
each other.
It's very strange, that the position of the spikes, I mean, whether spike number 1 ←
is behind or in front of spike
number 2, depends on the initial value of x (in the algorithm we had initialized x ←
with 0.5).
This initialization you can set with this gadget.

Sequence

- Here you can set the sequence of the two growth rates. In order to actually take ←
place,
you have to press the return-key (or help, or tab...).

Passes

- In order to visualize more quickly the Lyapunov-space, one can artificially lower ←
the resolution, like it's made
at the julia- and mandelbrotsets. Everybody, who now is terrified, because he ←
thinks, that I take this method
in order to make the calculation faster (like I do with julia/mandel), I can calm:
All I do, is, as a preview lowering the resolution. By choosing 3 passes the ←
Lyapunov-space
is actually drawn more slowly as with 1 pass (but you won't recognize it too much) ←
, but
you get more quickly an impression of what it looks like and can zoom in further ←
or change a
parameter.

Chaoscolor

- Name says all, or not...?

Stabilization

- This value defines, how often the formula is first iterated, until the exponent ←
is calculated. This gives a chance to the point,
to be attracted by an eventually existing cyclus.

Iteration

- Here you can define, how often the formula after the stabilization has to be ←
iterated, in order to calculate the

Lyapunov-exponent. I recommend to first setting this value to a low number (←
perhaps 20, because then the space is drawn faster), then to increase it. After ←
that, you'll
see, whether the picture changes a lot...

Area

- This should be clear...

A is drawn horizontally, B vertically

Theory:

Chapter 2.3.6.1

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2.3.6.3 Datawindow

In the datawindow the to the mouseposition corresponding growth rates A and B are ←
displayed, and the Lyapunov-exponent is
calculated again.

Theory:

Chapter 2.3.6.1

1.38 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.7 IFS

2.3.7.1 IFS

Nowadays almost everybody is talking about fractal image compression. This 'new' ←
method promises incredible
packing rates. If one believes the others out in the world, then it should be ←
possible to describe
whole images just with a small set of numbers. The basic idea for this pack ←
algorithm is an iterated function
system, short IFS. To be exact, Julia- and Mandelbrotsets are also iterated ←
function systems, but this chapter doesn't
care about these special fractals. Here I will only have a short glance at linear ←
iterated
function systems.
As it was the case with the Julia- and Mandelbrotsets, here again one is ←
interested
in the 'attractor'. You have seen already (at least I hope so), that this ←
attractor
can be very complicated, just remember a few pictures of the Mandelbrotset. The ←
special thing about the
(linear) IFS is, that one is not only able to calculate the attractor from a given ←
IFS. One is also
able to reconstruct an IFS from an attractor. So you have a picture, assume that ←
it is an attractor of an unknown IFS, reconstruct

the IFS, save the IFS (which normally needs only a small set of numbers) and if you want to look again at the picture, you just calculate the attractor of the saved IFS and get a picture, which is similar to your original picture.

This is the basic idea behind fractal image compression. One only has to choose the right functions, so that the attractor is similar to the picture one wants to compress. Sounds quite easy, doesn't it? Well, now, how exactly does it all work?

An IFS consists of several functions, every single function is an affine transformation, that means, a function, which just rotates, moves around or stretches a given object. Every such affine transformation has a value assigned, which is interpreted as the execution probability, that means, this value determines, how often this function is applied to a point compared to the other functions in the system. Such affine transformations can be represented simply by a matrix (responsible for rotating and stretching) and a vector (responsible for moving the object around)

.

Now, how is a picture, the attractor of an IFS, calculated?

1. One starts with a point, which surely lies onto the attractor. For example, one can take the fixed point of the first transformation.
2. Choose a function of the IFS, such that the given probabilities are fulfilled
- .
3. Apply the chosen transformation to the last point. The result is a new point of the attractor. Go to step 2...

Well, after some time the attractor will appear.

Now let's come to the question, why and especially how it is possible, to construct an IFS to a given picture.

There exists a mathematical proposition, called the 'Collage Theorem', which essentially says, that this construction is possible.

Given an IFS with the transformations w_1 to w_n , additionally a set T . Let s be the greatest Lipschitz-constant of all the transformations w_1 to w_n , which must be smaller

than 1. Well, s should be, in my own words, the maximal factor of all the contractions.

Every transformation is some sort of rotation, stretching and movement. Rotation and movement doesn't affect the distances of the object, just the stretching affects the distances of the object.

So s should be the maximal stretching factor of all transformations. Now in this case this is the

Lipschitz-constant. And it has to be smaller than 1.

Now let me continue with the theorem:

The Hausdorff-distance between T and the union of $w_1(T)$ to $w_n(T)$ should be smaller than

a given epsilon. Then the Hausdorff-distance between the attractor of the IFS and T is smaller than $\epsilon/(1-s)$.

Well, the Hausdorff-distance of 2 sets is, to be quite inexact, and, to be precise
 , wrong,
 but easier to understand, the 'normal' distance between 2 sets.

Well, now let me explain, what this theorem essentially says:

Given a set T , this could be perhaps a picture (should be a black-white-picture
 ...)

Then the transformations of the IFS, w_1 to w_n , are chosen, so that the union
 of the sets $w_1(T)$ to $w_n(T)$ covers quite exactly the whole set T , that means, the
 union of the sets, which arise, if you separately apply

w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n to the set T , covers the picture. Remember, the transformations
 are functions, which just rotate, stretch and move an object around.

So all this last sentence says, is, that the functions w_1 to w_n should be chosen,
 such that the whole picture T

is built of small copies of itself, just like a collage... $w_1(T)$ is a rotated,
 stretched (with

a factor smaller than 1!) and displaced copy of the original set/picture T , so is
 $w_2(T)$,

$w_3(T), \dots, w_n(T)$.

Well, then the condition of the theorem is approximately fulfilled, i.e. the
 Hausdorff-distance

between T and the union of $w_1(T)$ to $w_n(T)$ is smaller than epsilon. This epsilon of
 course is determined

by the quality of the collage. Then the theorem says:

The attractor of the IFS, which one can calculate out of the transformations, is
 similar to the original set/picture T . To be more exact, the Hausdorff-distance
 between this attractor

and T is smaller than $\epsilon/(1-s)$. Now you see, why the Lipschitz-constant must
 be smaller than 1.

And you can see even more: If you have a very small Lipschitz-constant, then $(1-s)$
 is near 1, but then of course you need many transformations to

cover your picture, because the Lipschitz-constant is the stretch-factor, so you
 have to build the picture T out of many very small copies of it.

So if you want to make a very good collage, then the compression ratio isn't that
 good.

Also notice, that the calculation time goes up, if 's' is small. It makes sense,
 to choose 's'=0.25, so to build the

whole picture of quarters of itself.

As you can see, too, the number of differences between the attractor and the
 original picture depend on epsilon. So if you make a bad

collage, then this epsilon is big...

Well, this is the idea for fractal image compression. One simply has to find out
 the

transformations w_1 to w_n .

One could implement the following algorithm:

Given a picture, this picture is then cut out and used as a brush, just as
 in any paint program. The user then has to rotate, move around and stretch
 this brush, so it covers a part of the original picture. Then the user has
 to fix it. the first transformation is completed (one simply has to write down
 all done actions like moving, rotating and stretching). Then one fetches
 another copy of the original picture, again moves, rotates and stretches it,
 so it covers another part of the original picture. It then should be fixed, too,
 and so the second transformation is ready. The user continues like this, until the
 original picture has been covered by some smaller copies of itself, just like a
 collage.

Let me note one thing: The parts of the copies may of course overlap, but this just increases the calculation time, so it should be avoided.

Of course I already tried to write such a program. Unfortunately the resulting transformations weren't good. I don't know why it didn't work, it just has to work. Well, perhaps in some time I manage it to write such a program.

1.39 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.7 IFS

2.3.7.2 IFS-Parameter 1

Most of the parameters should be self-explanatory.

Formula

This listview lets you choose the formula, which one has created using the Formula editor

.

Parameter

Right beneath the listview one can choose upto 4 parameters, which eventually are used by the formula.

Iteration

This number determines the number of points of the attractor, which should be calculated

.

Colormode

This gadget lets you specify the coloring mode.

There are 3 possibilities:

1. Transformation: The color of the point is determined by the last applied transformation
2. Probability: Just like in 1: In order to get the transformation, a random number has to be calculated. Here this random number defines the number of the point. This of course leads to similar results like in 1.
3. Measure: This is the best mode. The greater the measure at a point, the greater the color register.

Area

Should be clear...

Angle

An IFS is, at least in ChaosPro, always a 3 dimensional IFS. So these gadgets exist, which let you specify the view angle.

1.40 2.3 Fraktale --- 2.3.8 L-System

2.3.8.1 L-System

Well, the correct name for this fractal should be DOL-system, or, to say it in english, deterministic contextfree Lindenmayer systems. Deterministic, because no random rule in opposite to perhaps IFS, contextfree, because all this stuff is about grammar (that's the jargon of the informaticans, it only means, that there are replacing text, which have to be applied regardless the context, i.e. rules of the form 'character <c> has to be replaced by the string <string>' and not of the form (<string1> has to be replaced by the string <string2>'). Well, I think, this was enough stuff about the name.

What's all this stuff about?

An L-system consists of an axiom, simply a string and a set of rules, all of which have the form 'character <c> has to be replaced by the string <string>'. Now one starts with the axiom as the initial string.

Then the first character is examined. If a rule exists, which says, that this character should be replaced by a string, then it should be replaced by this string. If no rule for this character exists, then just leave the character as it is. Then have a look at the second character, replace it by a string, if a rule exists, or simply do nothing, if no rule exists. Continue this way, until the end of the string is reached. Then the first iteration is finished. The result is most likely a string, which is quite a bit longer than the string before the iteration.

Now the second iteration starts with the new string, one starts again at the first character, replaces, goes to the second, the third, etc. until the end is reached, then goes on to the next iteration, starts again at the first character, etc., the 4th iteration, the 5th, etc. until MaxIt is reached. As you can imagine, values of less than 10 for MaxIt are very popular, because the string will grow exponentially...

At the end one has a huge string, which doesn't look like a fractal. But now the magic starts:

The whole string is interpreted as a series of drawing commands. A drawing command consists normally of a single character, like 'F', which simply draws a line. The resulting image is a fractal, at least, if one would iterate infinitely often.

The Lindenmayer-systems are of importance in conjunction with computer generated natural objects, because the results show some similarities to objects, which appear in nature, mostly plants. Unfortunately these deterministic contextfree systems aren't that powerful. It's very difficult to create realistic plants with them.

If one wants to create such plants, one has to specify a huge amount of rules to describe simple

plants. Due to this, there exist some enhancements to DOL-systems, which then are contextsensitive and additionally not deterministic.

But not lets give an example of an L-system, just to make clear, you have understood the basic idea:

Well, lets define the Koch-curve: Everybody should know this fractal, additionally it's ideal for creating via L-systems:

Keep in mind some drawing commands:

F, which draws a line of given lenght into the current direction

+, which changes the current direction, say about 60 degree counter clockwise..

.

-, which changes the current direction, say about 60 degree clockwise...

Lets start with the axiom: F

Now lets define one single rule: F has to be replaced by F-F++F-F

This is exactly the definition of the Koch-curve: Every line (F) has to be replaced by an object, which is the line, but the middle third part of the line is replaced by a triangle. Just draw this F-F++F-F, and you see this replacement. It is obvious, that this very simple L-system creates the Koch-curve.

Generally the whole kind of interpreting the drawing commands is very similar to the turtle-graphics. But who knows nowadays, what turtle graphics is? In former times this kind of drawing was very popular. One has to imagine a virtual turtle on the screen, which can do some actions. It can move forward, draw forward, it can rotate about an angle, it can change the drawing color, etc.

For an explanation of all the drawing commands see the chapter about the L-system formula editor.

1.41 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.8 L-System

2.3.8.2 LSystem-Parameter 1

The listview lets you choose the L-system formula, formulas can be changed in the formula editor window for L-systems.

Right beneath the listview there are 4 parameters, which are currently unused. Below these gadgets

there is a gadget, which lets you choose the number of iterations to perform.

Normally you should use values between 3 and 15. I recommend to start with about 3, then to increase it step by step.

Below the listview you can choose the area. Other programs calculate L-systems in another way. They first completely generate the string, then parse it to get the size of the fractal, and then choose the area accordingly. Of course this has been a disadvantage, that the user doesn't see anything for quite some time, so I don't like it.

1.42 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.9 Diffusion

2.3.9.1 Diffusion - Theory

Well, what should I tell you now?

Some effects in nature remind people heavily on fractals, for example lightning. Or diffusion effects, for example, if one mixed oil and water. These two liquids have a very intricate bound between each other, which also remind to lightning. Well, such a diffusion one can simulate by the computer. This is done in the following way:

One starts with an object on the screen, for example a point. Then a new point suddenly appears anywhere on the screen. This new point one moves randomly around, such that it performs a random walk, a brownian motion. To be more exact, one chooses randomly 0, 1, 2 or 3, and then moves the point up, if he choosed 0, right, if he choosed 1, etc.

Of course, this can be continued for some eternaties. So one needs an abort criteria. Finally there should be a diffusion fractal. Well, as soon as the point arrives in the neighbourhood of a fixed point, it adheres to it and so gets fixed. Then a new point is created, same procedure is performed, etc. The resulting image then is some sort of diffusion.

1.43 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.9 Diffusion

2.3.9.2 Diffusion Parameter 1

Well, what parameters can be chosen?

Type

Here you have 2 possibilities:

1. Diffusion: Calculates a diffusion fractal
2. Random Walk: Just shows a 'Random Walk', i.e. how a point moves around randomly

.

Shape

You can choose the starting shape of the fixed points. Currently 4 possibilities are available. If the starting shape is a line, then it should be clear, that the moving points adhere

at this line. So the resulting image should look like moss, i.e. many lightnings out of
a
line.

- a) Point: Just a point in the middle of the window
- b) Line: Just draws a line
- c) Rectangle: Draws a rectangle
- d) Random: Randomly draws some points

Show Walk

If checked, then the walk of the point is shown, otherwise just the result is
shown,
i.e. the point, as it gets fixed...

Seed

Determines the initial value for the random number generator.

Colormode and Coloradd

- a) Neighbour: The color of a point is the color of the neighbour point +
Coloradd
- b) Time: The color of a point is determined by the amount of time, the point moved
around.

Sticking probability

Values between 0 and 1 are legal. This value specifies the probability, with which
a point, which encounters a fixed point, also stays fixed.
I don't think, you understood this, did you? Well, upto now you assumed, that a
point, which moves around and suddenly encounters a fixed point in the
neighbourhood, adheres to this point and stays fixed, too. Well, but this is not a
must-be. A point needn't stay fixed, it can move around until it finds
another fixed point. Perhaps then it stays fixed. And this is, what this 'Sticking
Probability' means: How probable is it, that
a point, which encounters a fixed point, adheres to it? Now all should be clear
...

Boxsize

It takes much too much time to calculate a real diffusion fractal. So I had to
speed it up.
The program calculates the smallest square around the set of all fixed points. It
then calculates a bigger square, which is just
'Boxsize' pixels bigger (i.e. the side length is longer) than this just calculated
square. And now this
greater square is the region in the window, where all happens: All new points
appear in this square, and not anywhere in the window. You can imagine,
that this speeds things up quite a bit. And yet another 'hack' was done: As soon
as a point leaves this square, it is thrown away, a new
point inside this square is generated. It would take too much time, until the
point, which has left the square, comes back into the square, so
a new point is calculated. It shouldn't matter that much, because it's totally
random, where this point encounters the square again, so it
should be the same to just calculate a new point and place it into the square at
random.

1.44 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.10 Brown

2.3.10.1 Brown - Theory

Now lets come to the next fractal type, the Brownian Motion. Don't panic, I don't bother you with a view from the probability theory, so I don't tell you something about infinite paths, non-differentiable at any point and so on.

Basically I don't have to explain anything to you, because 'Plasma' is a two dimensional Brownian Motion. Such a Brownian Motion has some very pleasant properties. For example you can draw a 1 dimensional Brownian Motion onto the screen and it just looks more like a music sample than a mathematical object. You can change the dimension of the fractal by adjusting a parameter. Of course you wonder, how it sounds, if one decides to play this brownian motion. ChaosPro can do this, don't panic. After some examinations people have found out, that music shows some similarities to brownian motion, that means, you can 'play' a brownian motion and it makes sense... You shouldn't expect to hear nice sounds or nice music. You only hear something, that's all. The music sounds a bit strange, somehow from an alien planet, from a foreign culture. And of course you can expect, that typical elements of music, such as refrain, themes, etc. appear with brownian motion. So please keep your CD's from Mozart, Beethoven, the Beatles, etc...

1.45 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.10 Brown

2.3.10.2 Brown-Parameter 1

Scaling

Specifies a factor, which is needed for the calculation. It must be between 0 and 1. The closer to 1, the longer it takes for the fractal to finish. This parameter doesn't have anything to do with the graphical representation, it determines directly the number of passes it needs to calculate the fractal. This parameter is here due to the algorithm I use for calculating the fractal.

H

Determines the dimension, $\text{Dim}=2-H\dots$

Samples

Specifies the number of points, which are calculated for the Brownian Motion

.

Play & Stop

Starts/stops playing the Brownian Motion. The height is defined by 'Rate', the type (music or sample) by 'Mode'.

Mode

This gadget determines, how the Brownian Motion should be played. There are 2 possibilities: Sample or Music. The first one just creates a sample, which then is played, and the second one plays music, i.e. it plays tunes.

Rate

This gadget lets you specify the height of the sound.

1.46 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.11 3D-Ansichten

2.3.11 3D-Views

2.3.11.1 3D-Introduction

The 3D-modul is a kind of modul, which could easily be converted to an external modul. It takes no care, to what fractal (if anyhow) the data belong, which it gets from an array. This method of course has a few disadvantages, because so this modul can't get additional values, if it would need them in order to increase the quality of the view. But an advantage is, that in a later version of this program another person but my can build an array of heights and then give it to this modul, which forms something threedimensional out of it. So you save a lot of time. You needn't write routines of your own. Additionally, I can build in a routine (or you write your own), to use such a heights-file from SceneryAnimator or a similar program. Well, much is possible, but what I'll implement, you decide with your reactions.

1.47 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.11 3D-Views

2.3.11.2 3D-Parameterwindow 1

Projectionmode

There are 2 modes available:

1. Orthogonal: This is the favorite method. Here every point is simply projected onto a 2D-plane by an orthogonal projection. The distance doesn't affect the picture, it's meaningless. The implementation of a horizontal angle isn't possible, I tried it. Instead use the rotation of the 2D-fractal. This mode always draws the picture in the best possible quality.
2. Perspective: This is the old, bad method, only implemented again due to the wish of my favorite betatester. Here the 3D-object is projected onto a 2D-plane, just like the human eye does it. Here more things can be adjusted. The big disadvantage

of this algorithm is, that the whole algorithm is very complicated and can't be simplified for the computer. This makes this mode very slow. The whole code also is very long and complicated, so enhancements are really a pain.

Drawingmode

Only with Projectionmode=Projection...

Here you can choose, how all the points are to be displayed:

1. Points: just draws the points
2. Gridlines: draws lines between the points
3. Rectangles: draws a rectangle out of 4 points
4. Spikes: draws spikes starting from the ground.
5. Mosaic: simply draws small rectangles of size 2x2 at every point
6. Cross: draws small crosses at all points

The best thing is to try it...

Distance

Only with Projectionmode=Projection...

Name says all...

H-Angle

Only with Projectionmode=Projection...

- The horizontal angle, from which the observer looks at the object. It corresponds to the degree of latitude on a globe.

V-Angle

- The Observer always stands right in front of the fractal and looks from a certain height onto the fractal. The height is defined by the vertical angle, which corresponds to the degree of latitude of the earth.

Light

- If checked, a lightsource exists, which is infinite far away. The position of the lightsource is defined by the horizontal and the vertical angle, which correspond to the degree of longitude and latitude of the earth. Suppose, Amerika lies at the H-Angle 0, then Europe lies at about 90 and Japan perhaps at -90. If light isn't checked, then the original colors are used.

Intensity

Diffuse

Ambient

Reflection

- The brightness of an area is defined by these values:

- * 'Intensity' determines the intensity of the light source, so that you now slowly can switch on a light source (perhaps you calculate an animation). This value must be between 0 and 1.
- * 'Ambient' is a number between 0 and 1 and determines, how much light falls on every area, independent to whether light from the lightsource falls on it. A value of 1 doesn't make much sense, because then every area would be drawn with an intensity of 1 (brightest light).

*'Diffuse' determines, in what proportion the light from the lightsource stands to the reflected light. A value of 0.8 means, that 80% of the intensity of an area is defined by the angle, in which the light from the lightsource falls on it, and 20% of the intensity of the area by the angle, which is enclosed by the vector of the reflected light and the vector from the observer. To be more general, it defines, whether the 3D-picture shines due to reflected light or due to light from the lightsource.

* 'Reflection' determines, how strong the areas reflect the light, which falls on them. 1 means strong, 2 means less strong, 0.5 means very strong, etc.

GridX and GridY

Only with Projectionmode=Projection...

- Here you can define the resolution of the X- and Y-direction. Smaller values result in a speed up of the drawing, but of course they lower the quality...

1.48 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.11 3D-Views

2.3.11.3 3D-Parameterwindow 2

DeltaX/Y

- The object itself is drawn around the nullpoint. In order to move it, these 2 sliders have to be used.

DeltaZ

- With this gadget you can move the object up or down.

Invers

- Inverts all heights. This makes out of the Mandelbrot-mountain a Mandelbrot-valley... (I prefer valleys...)

Autoadjust

- Tries to move and size the 3D-fractal in a way, so it fits entirely into the window.

FrontMult

BackMult

- Determines, with what numbers the heights in the front or in the back have to be multiplied. Normally you set these 2 numbers to the same value. But if you want to give the object more plasticity, I recommend raising the BackMult-number a bit. The heights in the mid are multiplied with $(\text{FrontMult} + \text{BackMult})/2$, so it's going from FrontMult to BackMult in a linear manner.

Slope

- This value defines, how steep the mountains and valleys should be.

Smaller values ==> less steep

Greater values ==> more steep

The function is:

$x^{(1/\text{Slope})}$

,where x stands for the height to be transformed. That means, if Slope is equal to 2, then the function is $x^{0.5}$, which is the square root of x.

YStretch

This values defines the factor for the y-direction of the object. This direction points to the 'back' of the object. If the 3D-view appears to be a bit too 'short', then you should raise this value to greater than 1.

Water

Plateau

- 'Water' defines the waterlevel. All heights, which would be lower than this value, are considered to belong to an 'ocean' and are set to this height. The color of the ocean is determined by the angle the light falls onto it.

- 'Plateau' defines the plateaulevel. All height, which would be greater than this, are considered to form a plateau with exact this height. Again, the color of the plateau is determined by the angle the light falls onto it.

1.49 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.11 3D-Views

2.3.11.4 3D-Parameterwindow 3

colors to use

Here you define the colors, which are to be used for coloring the 3D-fractal. The first 3D-color is considered to be 'black', i.e. it is used for an area, onto which the light doesn't fall, and the last 3D-color then is 'white', i.e. used for an area, onto which the light directly falls.

Background

At the beginning of the 3D-view-drawing the whole window is cleared with this color. If areas remain free, then they appear in this color.

Dithering

You can choose one of 3 modes: The first, no dithering, the second, which tries to double the number of colors trough dithering, and the third, which tries to get $4 \times \text{NumberOfColors}$ through the aim of dithering.

ExtBuffer

If you make a 3D-transformation of a 2D-fractal, then of course only the buffer values can be transformed. But this most likely results in an image, which seems to be cut in the front and in the back. 'ExtBuffer' now allows you to increase the (vertical) size of the buffer in percent, so more buffervalues are available. For a 2D-fractal this is totally useless, i.e. set ExtBuffer to 0. If you make a 3D-transformation, values at about 30 to 50 may be useful (30% to 50% of the original 2D-buffer-size added).

Saturation

Value

These values only have an effect, if you save the 3D-picture in 24 Bit. In the 3D-
buffer the original colors and the lightintensity is stored for each pixel. These 2 gadgets
determine, how the information of the color and the light are combined to form the resulting
color.

Saturation: Determines, how much influence the lightintensity has on the
saturation of the original color.

The range is from 0 (light doesn't affect the saturation) until 100 (saturation
comes totally from the light-intensity).

Value: See at 'Saturation' 3 lines above, but now the value of the color will be
affected by the light.

Normally one sets the value to 100 and the saturation to 0, this means the
original color is taken, converted into the HSV-colormodel, the value replaced by the light at this place,
then converted into RGB-Format and stored.

Riemann

(not implemented!)

- Fractals are almost always representations of what happens to complex numbers,
if they are iterated

in a specific manner. Every screenpixel corresponds to a complex number. Now
Riemann

has thought out another representation for the complex numberplane. Normally one
speaks from

the complex numberplane, the one axis is the real axis, the other the imaginary
axis.

Riemann now has transformed this plane onto a sphere. This sphere has the radius
1 and

touches with its southpole the complex numberplane in the origin, the nullpoint.

Now, how is the new point calculated from the old one? If you have a point of the
complex numberplane, you

simple have to draw a line between this point and the northpole of the sphere.
This line

will run through the surface of the sphere. And this point is the new one, which
corresponds to the old.

Well, all's fine, every complex number is matched to a single point of the surface
of the sphere, but

there's one exception. The infinity. It consists of infinite many points. But all
of these are

matched to a single point on the sphere: The northpole.

Perhaps this is it, why in the theory of the fractals almost always the infinity
is

considered to be an attractor, because it's on the Riemannsphere just a single
point.

Well, this program can draw the 3D-representation of the Riemannsphere. But it's
not

the standard Riemannsphere, because it touches the complex plane in the origin
and has a fixed

radius of 1. This program calculates itself the point, at which the sphere
touches the plane, because

otherwise it wouldn't look very good. The radius you can set. If it would always
be 1, then it would look not like it is supposed to look.

Just imagine, what it would look like, if you would zoom into the fractal and then see a representation of this. For people with less fantasy: There are much too less values, so if you have the whole sphere in front of your eyes, then eventually there is just the little area visible, which corresponds to the fractal. Now if one thinks, that somebody simple have to zoom the sphere, then the area of the sphere would look like a plane, just like a landscape don't look like something on a sphere, although it's on a sphere, the earth. You can let the program set the radius for you. Simply click onto the corresponding gadget, and the program calculates a radius, so the whole fractal will happily fill the sphere...

1.50 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.12 Wizzardwindow

2.3.12 Wizzardwindow

Dependent on the fractal type, this window contains different data.

Information

Here you find the duration of the calculation process, eventually how often you have zoomed in and the number of bytes, which are used by the buffer.

Analyze

Here you find the profile of the iteration values, i.e. how many points of what iteration depth exist. This is very useful, because you see, whether the iteration depth is too large. Also good, in order to get optimal values for the colormapping, because you can decide more easily, how the colormapping function has to be. The higher the bar in the iteration profile graph, the higher should be the first derivation of the colormapping function at the same place.

Heights

Well, one of the biggest problems with ChaosPro is to find suitable values for the 3D-transformation. If you choose this mode, then the program draws a graph, in order to draw the actual transformation function. This way you immediately see, what effects the parameters have.

1.51 2.3 Fractals --- 2.3.13 Commentwindow

2.3.13 Commentwindow

Well, sometimes it's useful to give some hints to fractals. Also some people are pleased to see their name appearing with fractals, which

they have found.

Ok, you see the use of the window and the gadgets immediately, so I don't want to waste my time by explaining every gadget...

1.52 2.4 Menus

2.4 The Menus

2.4.1 Systemmenu

Other Menupoints:

Fractalmenu

Fractalwindows

Windows

Extras

Data load/save

- This menuitem loads/saves the fractaldata out of/into a file. If the file is saved to the directory ChaosPro/FractPic, then it will automatically be loaded and it'll appear in the listviewgadget, which contains all the fractals. If a file is loaded at runtime, then it will be added to the list, which is already shown in the listview of the PicTask-window. When saving the program takes care, whether the 3D-fractal window is open. If this is the case, then it saves it as an active 3D-fractal, i.e. when this fractal is calculated the next time, both windows, the 2D- and the 3D-window are automatically opened. Starting with V2.0 ChaosPro is able to load Mand2000, Mandelmania and compatible fractal data files. ChaosPro now saves the data files automatically into every IFF-ILBM picture, which is saved, so you can reload an IFF-ILBM picture and continue working with the fractal.

Picture/Load

If you have the datatypes.library (OS3.0 or higher), then you can load pictures into ChaosPro.

If you choose this menuitem, then a requester appears, asking you for a picture to load. After that

the datatypes.library will be opened and the picture will be loaded into the fractalwindow of the currently active

fractal. This window will be resized, so that the picture will suit into it. Due to the use of the datatypes.library

I saved much time, as a side effect you can load every type of picture, as long as the datatypes.library is able to understand it.

There exists another menu item, which belongs to this loading procedure, the item 'Settings/Misc/Picture Remap'. If this item has a checkmark, then during load time the palette of the picture will be

adjusted to the screenpalette. The loading process then of course lasts a bit longer. I personally don't check this item, because I normally only load fractals, and there needn't to be a 'remap'.

Save Picture/to Clipboard

- This item saves the picture as an IFF-ILBM-picture. For the fractal types Juliasset/ Mandelbrot/ Plasma/ Lyapunov-Space it's possible, to save the 2D-picture in any depth upto 8 planes (256 colors) independent from the hardware and from the actual screenmode (it will be saved, not displayed...). You are prompted for your favorite depth after choosing the filename. This enables the owners of older Amigas to save a picture in 256 colors, and then to convert it to a HAM6-picture by another program. Additionally, there were some people, who wished to save 24Bit-images. This is also possible. When prompted for your favorite depth, there are two more possibilities: 24 (Screen) and 24 (256). The first one saves the picture with the colors used on the screen, but with a depth of 24 bit. The program actually calculates more colors than it can display and then calculates down to the available number of colors. If now there are areas on the screen with the same color, then it's possible, that the program had to assign the same color to various values, which didn't differ too much. If the 24bit-image is saved, then there are enough colors available, so the used palette is 'blown up', and so the correct color is used. This creates a smooth flow from one color to the next. Please notice, that when using the iteration-coloring with Julia/Mandel optically the 24bit-image is identical to the image, which you get, when you save it in , say, 256 colors. If you here really want, what I gess you want, many many colors, smooth flows from one color to the next etc., then you have to use the CPM-method.

The other possibility, 24(256), takes the whole palette of 256 colors, blows it up , and then saves the image. This is identical to choosing 256 colors, but now perhaps areas of the same color are replaced by a color-flow to the next color.

Well, don't be disappointed: If a fractal doesn't contain areas, then the 24bit-image doesn't look (recognizeably) other than the one with, as example, 6 planes. So to save a plasma-fractal with a high granulation is somehow not intelligent. Think over it, and you'll recognize, why.

With the Bifurcationdiagrams and the dynamic systems and also with the 3D-views of the fractals all these additional possibilities don't exist. The fractal is saved exactly like it's displayed. Exception: If the fractal has a 3D-buffer, then it can be saved in 24 bit.

Print

- I thought about implementing a routine for printing fractals for quite some time ↵
 . Finally I came to the conclusion, that
 it doesn't make much sense to write such a routine, because it would have to be a ↵
 really good routine.
 One wants to print fractals in the best possible quality, so I would have to use a ↵
 color management system.
 But AmigaOS doesn't offer a CMS. Due to this I simply have used the server ↵
 function of 'Studio' from
 Wolf Faust. So I have a great print routine, a color management system, so that
 the fractals on the paper look exactly like on the screen. Of course, in order to ↵
 print, one first
 must have 'Studio' from Wolf Faust.

Annotation:

If you choose this menu item, ChaosPro first saves the fractal in the temporary ↵
 drawer. So the user
 will be asked about the depth of the fractal. The temporary drawer is 'ChaosPro:', ↵
 but can be changed
 using the tooltype 'TempDir=<Dir>'. After saving the image Studio is called ↵
 asynchronously, which
 then prints the picture and deletes it after printing.

Systeminfo

- This item shows a few informations about the processor/ coprocessor/ gfxchips/ ↵
 priority and
 the memory

About ChaosPro

- It shows information about the Author and the version of the program.

Quit

- Explanation necessary?

1.53 2.4 Menus

2.4.2 Fractalmenu

Other Menupoints:

Systemmenu

Fractalwindows

Windows

Extras

Juliaset

Mandelbrot

Bifurcation

Dynamic System

Plasma

Lyapunov-Space

Diffusion

IFS

L-System

Brownian Motion

- These items add a new fractal of the corresponding type to the listview-gadget. ↔
They are initialized with
the default values for the type.

Defaultvalues

- If you have changed the parameter of a fractal and now don't know, how to come ↔
back to
some good values, then you can choose this item. It sets the parameters to the ↔
default values
of the type.

Edit Windowsize

- 'Edit Windowsize' shows the actual size of the 2D-window and lets you input new ↔
values. The
maximum size isn't the screensize, but the screensize minus the bordersize. This ↔
function
currently can't convert a normal window into a backdrop-window and back. I ↔
currently consider
it as a feature rather than a bug, that this window doesn't automatically convert ↔
backdrops
to normal windows, because now it's possible to make a backdrop-window and then to ↔
size this
window with the new menuitem (of course, it may be somehow confusing, if a window ↔
without a border
exists somewhere on the screen..)

Zoom

- 'Scale in' - 'Scale out'
- 'Scale in' is just the same as a doubleclick into the mid of the fractal window.
'Scale out' makes the opposite including the scaling etc.

'Box in' - 'Box out'

- If you choose one of these items, then you can click anywhere into the 2D- ↔
fractalwindow (you may leave the button again...).
- Then you carry a frame around. Click again to leave the frame. If you have chosen ↔
'Box zoom in',
then the box defines a new area, which is made bigger, so it fits exactly into the ↔
window. If you have chosen
'Box zoom out', then the whole window is projected into the defined box, and the ↔
fractal with the new area-values
calculated again.

Undo/Redo

- Unlimited Undo/Redo for every fractal. There is always a buffer of 10KB size ↔
allocated, in which
the old values are stored.

Move...

- This moves the fractal, you can achieve the same, if you press the cursor-keys
in the 2D-fractalwindow.

Proportion

- if the fractal is heavily distorted, then the proportion of the area-values doesn't fit to the actual proportion of the width to the height. This item restores the proportion by adjusting the area-values.

Calculation

- Stop/Continue: Because the program runs in a multitasking environment, it is possible, that you calculate more than one fractal at the same time, but want to finish one specific fractal as quick as possible. This item stops the calculation of the active fractal. The task is put to sleep (by a totally systemconform method...) and can be waked up by choosing 'Continue'.

- Restart: This forces the fractal to draw itself again.

Picasso

Close Picasso

- If this item works, then it would display the 24 Bit-image directly on the Picasso-gfxboard from Village Tronic.

Access EGS

- This item should open a window on the EGS-Default-Screen and then should draw the 24-Bit-fractal in it.

Start virtual

You can choose this item only in conjunction with Julia-/Mandelbrotsets. Parameter window No. 3 contains 4 gadgets, which let you define values like Size/Depth/3D. If you choose this item, the corresponding subtask switches to a virtual mode and starts the virtual calculation directly onto your harddisk. More information can be found in parameter window no. 3, point

Virtual Calculation

Export/Reflections

Well, this is the first try for an export into a raytracing format. If you have Reflections, just test it, perhaps it works. There will appear some requesters, which ask you for the resolution of the object, because the program can't use the whole resolution, because at least ReflectionsV2.0 can't handle more than 32767 triangles.

At the end 2 files will be saved, one file with the name *.obj, and one with the name *.mat.

Show Done

- Somebody complained, that he never knew exactly, when calculation was finished. So this item is there, so you can display in the window title, how far the calculation is finished.

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2.4.3 Fractalwindows

Other Menupoints:

Systemmenu

Fractalmenu

Windows

Extras

Parameter 1...

Parameter 2...

Parameter 3...

- These items open/close the parameterwindow 1/2/3. The kinds of parameters and what they mean, is explained in the corresponding chapters.

3D-Parameter 1

3D-Parameter 2

3D-Parameter 3

- The 3D-parameterwindows are opened/closed by these items. For more information about parameter refer to Chapter 2.3.7

Datenwindow

- Some types of fractals have datawindows available. If you open such a window and move over the 2D-fractal with the mousepointer, then in the datawindow the data below the mousepointer are displayed.

Wizzard window

- Opens/Closes the Wizzardwindow

Comment window

- Opens/Closes the

Commentwindow

Formula window

- Opens/Closes the formula window.

Show Location

- Juliaset, Mandelbrotset, Bifurcation, Lyapunov-Space have a 2D-area. You can zoom in. And suddenly you don't know exactly, where you have zoomed in, and where you now are. The area parameter in the parameterwindow 1 show it, but it's not clear enough. This item opens a window for the active fractal. In this window all fractals of the same type are displayed. If you choose one of them, then in the 2D-window the area of the chosen fractal is drawn as a frame.

Set Juliaparameter

- This item is only choosable in conjunction with the a mandelbrot fractal. It opens a window, in which all available juliasset are displayed. If you choose a juliasset, then the parameter of the juliasset, mostly called c , is drawn in

the mandelbrotset as a cross. This cross you can move around, and so change the parameter value c of the juliaset, which is drawn again immediately. There was mentioned above, that the most interesting, that means, the most colorful juliasets have parameter values c , which are placed at the edge of the mandelbrotset. But where's the edge of the mandelbrotset, if you only have a complex number?

With the help of the cross you know it exactly.

But pay attention: Julia- and mandelbrotsets should be of the same subtype, that means, they should be drawn upon the same formula. Otherwise all said about interesting juliasets at the edge of the mandelbrotset is totally nonsense.

Colormapping Window

- Opens/Closes the

Colormapping window

Windowtype as Backdrop/normal Window

- Eventually somebody wants to use the whole place on the screen for a fractal, like most other fractal creating programs do. But if a windowborder exists, this isn't possible.

So you can define a window as a backdrop window. In this case, the whole window is closed,

the border, the systemgadgets, the title removed, the window sized to the full screen size,

and then opened again as a backdrop-window. This can be done with the 2D/3D-window

.

But pay attention: Because you now don't have a depthgadget in the windowframe, you can't alter

the (depth-)position of a window. So one can dispute about the sense or nonsense of more than one

backdrop at the same time.

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2.4.4 Windows

Other Menupoints:

Systemmenu

Fractalmenu

Fractalwindows

Extras

Formeleditor für Julia/Mandel

Formeleditor für LSystem

Formeleditor für IFS

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Palettewindow

Palette-edit-window

Animation 1&2

CycleControl

Userwindows
Here I can refer to
chapter 2.2
. There all you should know is

```

said.

Perhaps one annotation: By using these menuitems, you can only open the first 4 ↔ user defined windows.

If you have more, then you have to use the Arexx-Port to open the additional ↔ windows. Then you can define a user defined menu item, which executes your Arexx-script.

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2.4.5 Extras

Other Menupoints:

```

Systemmenu

Fractalmenu

Fractalwindows

Windows
Help

```

- Shows the contents node of the online-help. If somebody wants help to a specific ↔ topic, then he can use:

1. Menuhelp

You choose a menuitem, but don't leave the right mousebutton, so the item isn't ↔ chosen, but highlighted.

Then you press the Help-key. The operating system then reports to my program, that ↔ the user wants help for this menu item. Then my program shows the correct page automatically.

2. Self implemented Gadgethelp

My program maintains big datalists, in which the positions and sizes of all ↔ gadgets are

stored. If you now press the Help-key, then my program scans through it's lists, ↔ searching for a gadget

below and shows the help-page for this gadget. If the mousepointer isn't placed ↔ over a gadget, then the default-helptext for the window is shown.

Global Stop

Global Continue

- Stops calculation of all fractals, puts all tasks to sleep. Useful, if another program needs all CPU-power.

'Continue' wakes up all tasks, if they were put to sleep.

Colorcycling

- On

This item switches the colorcycling on (checked) or off (not checked).

- Upwards

This item defines, whether the colors should be cycled upwards (checked) or downwards (not checked).

Upwards means, to higher colornumbers.

- Faster/Slower

Speed of colorcycling. For colorcycling a separate task is created. According to the RKM-Libraries

nobody may alter the colortables.

Because now the taskswitching takes place only ca 50 times per second (or was it 20 times?), the maximum

speed of cycling is limited. Everybody, who works with 256 colors, has also to consider, that

to alter 256 colors is much work for the operating system. It must recalculate the whole copperlists, link

them together and display them. This takes away much CPU-time, so it slows down the system.

Btw.: The cycling task runs at a priority of 0, more exactly at GlobPri (GlobPri you can set). So when another program calculates something at a priority of 1, then colorcycling doesn't take place.

Taskpriority

- This alters the task-priority of the main task and of the colorcycling-task. All fractal-calculating tasks

run at a priority of the maintask-1. Default-pri for the maintask is 0, so fractal-calculating tasks

run at a priority of -1, so you can work normally on the workbench or in any other program.

Move Window...

- onto Fractalscreen / onto Parameterscreen / onto Workbench / onto Publicscreen

These items close a window and open them again on the specified screen. This can be done with every window except the

2D- and the 3D-fractalwindows. This options make sense, because the place on a screen is limited, even if it's a big screen.

This saves also memory, because a parameterwindow needs much more memory on a screen with 256 colors, than on 4-color-workbench.

You can define the default-screens of the windows by the preferences-program.

Window positions

Here you can specify the screen, on which the correspondig window should open as default.

Misc/Picture remap

This menu item belongs to 'Load picture' and determines, whether the pictures, which will be loaded, should be remapped

to the current palette.

Misc/GuiFactorX

Misc/GuiFactorY

Inside ChaosPro all gadgets and windows are specified in units of the fontsize, ←
and not in units of pixels.

There exists a global routine, which handles opening of windows containing gadgets ←
, borders, etc. This routine

then calculates the pixelsize of all elements from the fontsize of the elements.

Due to this the whole GUI of ChaosPro is fontsensitiv. But there are many ←
different fonts

out there. And I have choosen my favorite font, XHelvetica 11 from Martin ←
Huttenloher (contained in MagicWB),

so the GUI looks of course best with this font. But due to this it of course may ←
happen, that sometimes, especially with a small font,

like topaz 8, the GUI looks rather ugly.

These 2 factors now enable it to stretch the whole GUI in x- or in y-direction. ←
This is just like

having a sizegadget on all windows, but less comfortable for the user (but more ←
comfortable for me ;-)).

These 2 factors you can choose according to your font and according to your taste, ←
so the GUI looks

better. After that you can save the config-file, because these 2 factors of course ←
are placed in the config-file, so your changes

don't get lost when you leave ChaosPro.

Misc/Publicscreen

Here you can define the name of the Public screen, which can be used to place ←
windows on it. After you have chosen this name you should save the config file, ←

so you

don't have to specify this screen again.

Choose Screenmodes...

Choose Font...

- These items should be clear...

If they are chosen, then all opened windows are closed, the values changed, and ←
the windows again

opened.

The minimal screendepths are:

1. Parameterscreen: 1

2. Fractalscreen: 3

3. Colorscreen: 4

- For the font all is possible. But: If a window doesn't fit onto the screen, then
you must choose a smaller font. This concerns mainly all those people, who use a ←
resolution

of 640x200 or 640x256. Topaz 8 is almost too large.

Config load/save

- These menu items let you load/save different configurations. These files contain ←
(almost) all internally

changeable data like screenmode, font, currently opened windows, positions of the ←
windows

etc.

1.57 2.4 Menus

2.4.6 User defined Menus

For this purpose, again an ASCII-file in the directory ChaosPro/Prefs with the name Menu.asc is required. This file has to be translated by the preferences-program. The result is a file called Menu.prefs in ChaosPro/Prefs.

The structure of the ASCII-file is:

```
MENU <Menutext> <Keyboardshortcut> <Arexx-Script>
ITEM <Itemtext> <Keyboardhortcut> <Arexx-Script>
...
ITEM <Itemtext> <Keyboardshortcut> <Arexx-Script>
MENU <Menutext> <Keyboardshortcut> <Arexx-Script>
...
END <Menutext> <Keyboardshortcut> <Arexx-Script>
```

Well, at the lines MENU and END of course the Keyboardshortcut and the Arexx-script don't have sense, but must be given. For the menutext also the constant BARLABEL may be used. It generates a separator bar. For the keyboardshortcut also the constant NONE may be used, if you don't want to define a shortcut.

As an examples, it could look like this:

```
MENU Menu1 NONE dummy.rexx
ITEM Data B Daten.rexx
ITEM BARLABEL NONE dummy.rexx
ITEM Another C Another.rexx
MENU Menu2 NONE dummy.rexx
ITEM InOut D ChaosPro:Rexx/InOut.rexx
END BARLABEL NONE dummy.rexx
```

Note:

At startup the program creates a logical assign ChaosPro: to the directory, where the program is placed, if not already available. So you may use a path for a rexx-script like ChaosPro:Rexx/InOut.rexx.

1.58 2.5 Programdirectories

2.5 Programdirectories

Basedirectory, from which the program refers to its various subdirectories, is always the logical assign 'ChaosPro:'. If this assign at startup of the program exists, then all is ok. If not, then the program tries to find out, from what directory it was started (with a call to GetProgramDir from dos.library). After that it creates itself the logical assign ChaosPro: to the found directory. So normally you don't have to worry about assigns.

ChaosPro:libs/

Here all libraries, which the program needs, are placed. You may not copy these libraries to LIBS:, because only my program needs it, they aren't documented and, by the way, they aren't really libraries. Due to this, the whole program is very easy to deinstall. Simply delete the main directory, if you don't like the program...

ChaosPro:Guides/

Here the documentation of the program is placed.

ChaosPro:Prefs/

All settings of the program are placed in this directory.

ChaosPro:Palette/

ChaosPro needs at least one palette in this directory. Otherwise it refuses to work and brings up an error requester. At startup it scans this directory, examines all files in it, and extracts all colorchunks of the files. So its possible, to place whole pictures into this directory. It then scans through the file and only takes the color chunk of it.

ChaosPro:Catalogs/

In this directory the catalogs for other countries are placed. Because I only speak german and english (and english not very good...), here only two catalogs are made by me. Perhaps some other people would like to translate the catalogs?

ChaosPro:FractPic/

At startup of the program this directory is scanned. All files, which contain a chunk describing a fractal, are automatically loaded into the program. If a fractal needs a user defined formula, then it loads it, too, if it doesn't already exist.

ChaosPro:Anims/

ChaosPro:AnimData/

ChaosPro tries to load/save animations or animationdatas from these directories in the first place.

ChaosPro:Formula/

This directory is scanned at startup, too. All user defined formulas, which aren't already in memory, are loaded and can be used during runtime.

1.59 2.6 Preferencesprogram

2.6 Preferencesprogram

In order to translate specific files there exists external preferences program. It offers the following options:

Compile Userwindows

User defined windows are defined in an ASCII-file. This ASCII-file must be translated into a format, which the mainprogram can more easy handle. You simply have to click onto this gadget. Then the ASCII-file ChaosPro/ Prefs/ Windows.asc is scanned and the file ChaosPro/ Prefs/ Windows.prefs is created.

Compile Usermenus

User defined menus are also defined in an ASCII-file, which must be translated into another format. This is handled by this gadget. It creates from the input-file ChaosPro/ Prefs/ Menu.asc the output-file ChaosPro/ Prefs/ Menu.prefs.

The Online-Help

Because the program can run on any normal screen, it was necessary, to adjust the online-help to run on any screen in any resolution in any font. Other programs only have a help-system, which looks rather good on a screen with 640 pixels horizontally. But then some people have a screen with 1024 pixel horizontally, and then the help-system is awful. What happens, if the user would like to use another font for the help? It would look terrible. Suddenly all lines have different widths, if you use a proportional font. Due to this, the guide-file is also translated by the preferences-program, so it looks good on any screen in any font.

- GuideWidth

Here you define the width in screenpixel, the help-lines should be. Because the windowborder also needs some pixels, you normally have to subtract about 40 pixels of the with of the screen, the help-system should run on.

- Language

Here you define the language of the help-system. This is independant of the AmigaOS locale-system. Included are only 2 languages: german and english. Perhaps some other people would like to translate the online-help to other languages?

- Build Guide

If you click onto this gadget, then in the directory ChaosPro/Guides the guide-file ChaosPro.guide is created. The original files aren't modified. ChaosPro.guide is a normal AmigaGuide-file, which you can read with MultiView, Hyper

or AmigaGuide, but which is converted to the right format. This operation can take a long time (on my Amiga 4000/040 about 60 seconds), because 1. the guide-file is quite long and 2. I didn't care, whether it's slow or fast, because 3. I think, that you'll use this option not very often. Dependent on the font it may happen, that a mysterious requester comes up reporting the error "Failed to create a line". Here you only can click onto 'OK' and this you should do. In order to change the font of the guide-file or to change some explanations, you of course can change the file ChaosPro.guide. But this is somehow not intelligent, because then you don't have the right format and all changes, you made, are destroyed, when you click onto 'Build Guide'. So if you want to change something, you have to change deutsch.guide or english.guide. These files are also normal guide-files for AmigaGuide, Hyper or MultiView, but they aren't in the right format. All lines have different lengths. In these files you can change the @FONT-directive and set another font and size. If you want to change text, then you have to pay attention, because a paragraph is finished with a line which contains less than 76 characters. If you create a line with equal to or more than 76 characters, then this line will be concatenated with the following, forming a paragraph, these lines with the next, etc., until a line is encountered with less than 76 characters, which stops the paragraph. If a word is too long, it perhaps don't look too good in the guide. Due to this, you can define, where a long word can be separated. This you define with the backslash-character left to the backspace-key at the right top of the keyboard. So you only have to insert this character at the correct places. The program then eventually separates the word at this position, inserting a '-'-character or it simply removes the backslash.

1.60 2.7 Troubleshooting

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1. Problem

Sometimes the system hangs, when I try to use the Online-help.

Solution:

No solution. I don't have an explanation of this behaviour. But because the AmigaGuide isn't totally bugfree, I think, this is a failure of the AmigaGuide-system, which is really

not bugfree.

2. Problem

How can I set the size and position of the AmigaGuide-window?

Solution:

By choosing the menuitem 'save settings'...

3. Problem

If the Help-Key is pressed, no AmigaGuide window appears, so the Online-help doesn't work.

Solution:

1. Perhaps the AmigaGuide-System isn't installed correctly. In this case you should get the complete official AmigaGuide-distribution. Then you should install it.

2. Perhaps ChaosPro.guide or ChaosPro.Topics isn't available. In this case you should start

CPPrefs and click onto 'Build Guide'. More information about this you will find in the chapter

Preferences-Program

3. There exists a tooltype, which can be used to disable the Online-help, thus saving memory. It is called 'NO_AGUIDE' and, if specified, prevents the program from initializing the Online-help.

4. Problem

ChaosPro crashes at startup.

Solution:

Well, one possibility, which was true in about 60% of all cases, is, that the user has installed FastMathV40.5. This version has a serious bug, so you should upgrade to FastMathV40.6...

1.61 2.8 Others worth mentioning

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How do you input numbers? Of course with integergadgets. But what's with floatingpoint-numbers?

Unfortunately gadgets for this don't exist in the system. So I was forced to write a

Hook-function of my own, in order to make a float-gadget out of a string-gadget. In this

float-gadget all senseless keypresses are filtered out. Some other key-kombinations like RAmiga+X,

in order to clear the inputfield, make actions, which I think, they should do. RAmiga+X

writes into the field the number '+0.0'.

In order to alter the sign of the number, you only have to press the key '+' or '-' at any

place in the field. The sign at the first place changes immediately.

In order to set the decimal-point to another position, you simply have to press the '.'-key

at the desired place. The eventually already existing decimal-point is cleared and
set
to the new position.
Numbers in exponential-expression aren't possible in the current version of the
Hook-routine.

Everybody, who has already used the program, will have noticed, that the active
entries in
the PicTask-window are changing sometimes, if the user activates another window.
This is of
course not random, it's made by the program. The active window determines the
active entry in the
task-listview. Whenever you activate another window, the program searches for the
task, the window belongs to, and declares this task as the active one.
Additionally, it
scans through the whole menu and actualizes the items, so it disables some,
enables others and makes
checkmarks according to the active task.
If you don't know any more, what fractaltype you are currently examining or to
what
task the window belongs, then you should have a look at the screentitle. There the
name of the fractal and the fractaltype of the task is displayed, which belongs
to the window.

I've tried to write this program style-guide conform. Due to this my program isn't
the fastest fractal-generating-program.
Especially the owners of Mand2000 from CygnusSoft will notice, that my program isn't
very
fast while scaling the windows.

Some people want to open some windows at startup automatically, or that something
other happens
immediately at startup. This possibility is offered through the AREXX-Port. At
startup
the rexx-script ChaosPro/Rexx/ChaosProInit is executed. There you can execute all
commands you wish.

Well, almost all programs want a logical assign for their work. My program wants
something
like this, too. But I've applied another method: The program searched at startup
for the
logical assign 'ChaosPro:'. If this assign is available, then it searches for the
various
subdirectories, for example ChaosPro:Prefs, ChaosPro:Palette, ChaosPro/Formula etc
., in order to
get its files.
But if this assign isn't available, then it creates it itself and removes it at
the end.
This means, that you may use at runtime, as example in your Rexx-scripts, the
assign 'ChaosPro:'.
It's available in every case.

1.62 2.9 Tooltypes

2.9 Tooltypes

The program currently supports the following tooltypes:

NOJOYSTICK

This command disables moving and zooming around with a joystick in port 2. This was made, because it's possible, that somebody has a dongle in this port, which might cause strange things, if port 2 is accessed. So if you use a dongle (perhaps the REAL3D-dongle), then specify this tooltype.

CHUNKYMODE

This command specifies the routine to use for scaling the fractal, if you do a doubleclick. Normally this is done in the following way: The whole content of the window is read with ReadPixelArray8. After that the buffer, which contains the values, is scaled by a routine of my own. After that this buffer is converted to planeformat with a ChunkyToPlanar-routine of my own. After that ClipBlit is used to copy the planedata into the window. Now consider, that somebody has a Gfxboard and a the program runs on a screen with a chunkymode. Then of course all works, but: After the buffer is scaled, my program converts it into the planeformat, then I execute ClipBlit, which is patched and internally converts the planedata back to the chunkymode of the gfxboard... If you specify CHUNKYMODE, the program doesn't use a ChunkyToPlanar and ClipBlit, but a WritePixelArray8, and the gfxboard can take the values as they are, it needn't convert them. Please note: The whole program never directly accesses any planes of any window on the screen. If all programs would be so, then fantastic fast gfxboard-drivers could be written.

COLORWHEEL

This tooltype specifies, whether the colorwheel should be shown for the palette-editing. Because it needs several colors to look like a "colorwheel", half of the number of colors on the screen are used for it. If you want to use all of the colors on the screen for the palette-colors, then don't specify COLORWHEEL.

BUILTIN

If specified, then the builtin language (english) will be used. Otherwise the language specified by the locale-system. Only useful for me to some routines...

BACKFILL

If specified, then the window is filled with a raster before all gadgets are added. Well, it's up to you to decide, whether you like it or not...

PGA_NEWLOOK

If specified, the proportional-gadgets get the 'new look'. GadTools doesn't support it. So this bit is set by hand. Well, it works, but it's an undocumented feature, which don't need to work. Several authors use this bit and none of them encountered any problems. (Normally it's not allowed to alter ANY bits in a GadTools-Gadget...)

NO_EGS

If not specified, the EGS-System, if installed correctly, can be accessed by a menuitem. This item draws the actual fractal into a window on the EGS-Default-Screen.

NO_AGUIDE

If not specified, the amigaguide.library is opened. This will add a kontextsensitive online-help to the program. If you don't want it and want to save memory, then specify it.

NO_REXX

If not specified, the Arexx-Port of the program is initialized and the rexxsyslib.library is opened, so the Arexx-Interface is available. But perhaps you don't use it, then why should it be initialized and consume memory? In this case specify this tooltype.

PICTURES=<Dir>

This tooltype specifies the directory for the pictures. Default is 'ChaosPro: Pictures'. Because everybody has another favorite place for the images, you can specify this.

EXPORT=<Dir>

This tooltype specifies the directory for the exported objects in the Reflections file format. Default is 'Szenen:'.

PALETTES=<Dir>

This tooltype specifies the directory for the palettes. Default is 'ChaosPro: Palette'. If your palettes are in another directory, you may change the directory. Please note: ChaosPro will still on startup load only the palettes present in 'ChaosPro:Palette', this tooltype specifies only the default directory for the palette filerequester.

VIRTUAL=<Dir>

This tooltype sets the directory, in which the temporary files for the virtual buffer will be placed. This should be a directory on a partition, which has much place free. Default is 'ChaosPro:'.

ANIMS=<Dir>

This tooltype specifies the default directory for the animation filerequester. Default is 'ChaosPro:Anims'.

STARTPRI=<Priority>

This tooltype specifies the start priority of ChaosPro. ChaosPro itself will run with this priority, every subprocess will have 'StartPri-1'. Default is 'StartPri=0'

AUTOSAVE

If specified, ChaosPro will automatically execute the menu item 'Save Config' on program termination.

The file 'ChaosPro:Prefs/ChaosPro.config' will be saved, so at the next startup the windows automatically will open at the old place.

DEBUG

If you specify this tooltype, ChaosPro will inform you about the progress in the initialization procedure.

This is usefull especially when you have trouble starting ChaosPro, because then you will approximately

know, where ChaosPro has trouble, so you can fix these troubles, or you can at least let me know, where

ChaosPro has trouble. It's of no use to write me, that ChaosPro doesn't start. I need some more information.

So if you contact me about problems on startup, then please write me the output, which ChaosPro makes, when you specify this tooltype.

EHB_HAM

If you set this tooltype, then the screenmode requester displays the EHB and HAM modes, too.

ChaosPro doesn't support these modes, but it works. Until now I didn't find out the sense of the tooltype, I just implemented it due to a suggestion of a user...

1.63 2.10 Legal Stuff

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While developing this program, bugs in it crashed my harddisk a few times. So be warned.

There are for sure bugs in the program which can cause bad things...

So:

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1.64 2.11 Searching for...

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I'm searching for:

1. Translator of the catalogfiles: Mail me, then you get the .cd and .ct-files.
2. If you have suggestions to improve the documentation, you are welcome to do so. Especially if you want to correct my bad english...
3. If you have calculated some nice images, mail me the data files of them.

1.65 2.12 About the Speed...

2.12 About the Speed of ChaosPro

Well, and now I have to say something about the speed of ChaosPro. Many people
 seem to love
 ChaosPro, they almost only complained about the speed.

Now I want to say the following:

ChaosPro wasn't written to claim, that it's the 'fastest fractal program ever'.
 Other programs are faster.
 But on the other side I didn't write 'slow' routines. ChaosPro isn't that slow,
 than you may think after
 the first speed comparison between other programs.

What some people didn't realize exactly is, that the choice of the parameters has
 enormous influence on the speed. Just an example: Outside coloring=CPM. What
 happens,
 if you compare the speed? The other programs just calculate an integer value for
 every
 pixel on the screen using the escape time algorithm (that's the one you know...)

After that (if multiple pass is selected), they examine little squares, whether
 the 4 corners
 all have the same value. If yes, then the whole square is set to the value of the
 4 corners.
 This of course speeds up the calculation process quite a lot. These people now
 think, that
 it makes no difference, if they just choose CPM in ChaosPro. Well, that's wrong.
 If you use this mode, then the program calculates a float number for every pixel
 on the screen.
 Of course it's very unlikely, that the 4 corners of a little square have all the
 same float
 value.

Inspite of this, ChaosPro was really slower than other programs, even if you
 selected only
 the standard parameters (but not that much, as people thought...). Because I don't
 want people
 to complain about the speed, I speeded up the routines. These speedups affect the
 iteration functions, so you will notice it, when you zoom in. Inspite of this, the
 standard mandelbrot will still need more time to finish than with other fractal
 generators. This is due to the drawing routines I use, i.e. due to WritePixelLine8
 and
 ClipBlit. Other programs just 'poke' directly into the bitplanes, thus making it
 not
 totally systemconform. I refuse to write such hack-routines. If you know how to
 speed
 up drawing routines, then let me know...

1.66 2.13 Changes since V1.0

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I want to split the changes into 2 parts:

First part: Changes, which you normally will notice,. That's the more interesting
 stuff...

Second part: Changes, which you normally won't notice, for example bugfixes,
 changed behaviour,
 slight corrections or something similar...

a) Changes, which you will notice

- ChaosPro speeded up (Black_Hole, resolution 640x495, 1 Pass, etc. in V1.0: ca 8
 min,
 now: ca. 6 min)

- ChaosPro now is able to read Mand2000, Mandelmania and compatible fractal data
 files.

- Virtual Julia- and Mandelbrotfractals: Parameterwindow 3 lets you specify some
 values, then choose
 menu item 'Start virtual'

- Colormapping window added

- graphical representation of colormapping added.
- Wizzardwindow added
- Commentwindow for every fractal added
- FractInt-Palettes (these *.map-files) can now be loaded and used with ChaosPro .
- 3 different Dockwindows with gadgets for some actions.
- New feature, new tooltype: AUTOSAVE. If you specify this, then ChaosPro will write the file 'ChaosPro.config' into the ChaosPro/Prefs/ drawer, as if the user has chosen the menu item 'Save config'. So the program at the next startup will appear in almost the same look as you left it.
- Old formula window changed. Now you only can choose the formula for the calculation, if you want to change a formula, you have to open another window.
- Formula editor now understands logical operators: '==' '!=' '>' '<' '>=' '<=' 'T', 'F' '!'.
- New mode for the wizzard window: If choosed, then the graph of the heights transformation function will be shown.
- Formula editor improved (each formula has several parts now)
- ChaosPro now is able to load pictures, if you have the datatypes.library installed .
- DEM (Distance Estimator Method) built in. This calculates an estimation for the distance of a point to the border of the set. This mode is slow, because one has to calculate actually 2 iteration functions, not only z^2+c , but also $f=2*z*f+1$ (derivation of z^2+c)
- New fractal types: IFS/LSystem/Brown/Diffusion, where each IFS and LSystem have an additional formula editor.
- Plasma now may be calculated in 3D, which leads to mountains and nice landscapes .
- Lightintensity-Gadget built in, which determines the light intensity, so you can calculate an animation, where the light slowly is switched on.
- Reflections-Export added

b) Changes, which you normally won't notice

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- Closing a window and reopening on another screen didn't work for windows of fractals, if the fractal itself wasn't calculated ←
 - When changing the screenmode all calculated fractals (i.e. their windows) got the default size, but the program itself thought, that they had the same size as before --> fixed, now the window is opened in the same size as before... ←
 - If an AnimData file was saved, and the corresponding animation is a 24 Bit Anim, then the program complained about a malformed AnimData-file. Planes was 9, program checked for >8... ←
 - CPPrefs-Window could be too big, if the font was too large. Because WA_AutoAdjust wasn't specified, it didn't open, so ChaosPro couldn't be run. ←
 - Stacksizecheck was wrong, if the program was started from the CLI.
 - If ChaosPro.Topics for any reason has a size of 0 Bytes, then ChaosPro complained about too few memory, because AllocMem(0, MEMF_CLEAR) always returns 0. ←
 - If a window was too big for the screen, then ChaosPro should have taken the small font, set with CPPrefs. But ChaosPro calculated all sizes and positions, as if it would take this small font and then took the big font... ←
 - Tooltypes added: Anims, Pictures, Palettes, Virtual, StartPri, to specify these directories.
 - Maximal number of iterations in the inside/outside area from the datawindow removed ←
 - .
 - Formeltextgadget wasn't adhered to the listview in the window.
 - New colormapping function added: Sqrt
 - Taskpriority of ChaosPro now is shown in the SystemInfo-Requester.
 - If opening a screen fails, then ChaosPro shows the exact error obtained from the operating system.
 - ChaosPro just cleared the first 65535 elements in the buffer, if you changed the maximum number of iterations.
 - If you changed the iteration depth, then the fractal was just drawn again and not calculated again. ←
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- Formelparser didn't like '-'
- Abort condition 3 removed. Now used in conjunction with the formula editor .
- New Tooltype: DEBUG
- DEM Gadget in the datawindow added
- Elimination algorithm had a bug.
- PicTask-Window now isn't refreshed every time a new fractal gets active. Only ← the gadgets, which have changed, are refreshed. This avoids this nasty flickering.
- Palette editing didn't always work as expected. Grey scale palettes were wrong ← and 'spread' didn't work with grey scale palettes.
- If you save a picture, then the CRNG-Chunk is saved. Now I only need a program, ← which pays attention to this chunk (CRNG=Colorcycling RaNGe)
- Moving the fractal past the left border didn't work.
- Function imag(...) was implemented wrong.
- Formula editor didn't like spaces

1.67 Some Cookies (sorry, couldn't resist)

... A bus station is where the bus stops.
A train station is where the train stops.
On my desk there is a workstation...

"All I know is what I see on the monitors."

Computing Definition:

Microsecond - Amount of time needed for a program to bomb.

1st Law Economists: For every economist there exists an equal and opposite economist.

2nd Law Economists: They're both always wrong!

Sega brings you its new Baby....CBM brings you the MOTHER..CD32

"Research shows that no-one ever went blind from
looking on the bright side of life"

"I really wish I'd listened to what my mother told me when I was young."

"Why, what did she tell you?"

"I don't know. I didn't listen."

Reality is just a big simulation -- And it's still in beta-testing !

Living on Earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the Sun.

>>> Life starts at '020 ... fun at '030 ... impotence at '86 <<<

keyboard not connecte+d -- press F1 to continue

WindowsError:010 Reserved for future mistakes

WindowsError:011 Hard error. Are you sitting?

America has Bill Clinton, Steve Wonder, Bob Hope & Johnny Cash
we have Helmut Kohl, no Wonder, no Hope & no Cash !

MS-DOS is the worst text adventure game I have ever played: poor vocabulary,
weak parser and a boring storyline.

WindowsError:003 Dynamic linking error. Your mistake is now in every
file.

Windows NT: From the makers of Windows 3.0!

GEOS ON C64 IS MUCH BETTER THAN WINDOWS ON PC

* Englishtraining for runaways:

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* Don't worry, eat Chappy

Nuclear clock stands at T - 5 minutes

Don't marry be happy

WindowsError:014 Nonexistant error. This cannot really be happening.

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Well, let me thank all the people, who have supported me and my work on ChaosPro
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Olaf Krolzig: A betatester since the beginning. He has suggested many features, ←
constantly reported many
bugs.

Lutz Uhlmann: This was my first betatester. At least it was the first one of the
betatesters, who was able to start ChaosPro. He has suggested to implement a ←
screenmode- and
font-requester

Kay Gehrke: He constantly reported bugs concerning the Picasso-graphics card. So I ←
finally managed it to write

a system conform program.

Manfred Ambros: He tested all stuff. He also tested the documentation, reported wrong links and some spelling mistakes...

Jake and Mac Melon: These two betatesters persuaded me to rewrite the animation system, to add the spline-interpolation between key frames, to enhance the 3D-transformations, etc...

Roberto Patriarca: He is responsible for the italian translation of the catalog-file. He also offered his help to translate the whole documentation to his native language. I dissuaded him from doing so. I think, after the translation of the documentation he wouldn't want to hear the word 'ChaosPro' again. I think, a friend, a user of ChaosPro, is better than an italian documentation...

Bruce Dawson: He was written Mand2000 (Cygnussoft) with its ingenious user interface . If you would have suggested me to write a fractal generating program, which calculates the fractals into windows and is able to calculate more fractals at the same time, then I would have asked, why I should do so, because I thought, it doesn't make much sense. Bruce Dawson with Mand2000 proved, that this in fact makes much sense. So Mand2000 is/was the pattern for ChaosPro. Many thanks to Bruce Dawson!

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