5DL

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1.2   5DL - About 5DL

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        Dear Programmer
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Thank you for dowloading our information archive.

5th Dimension was setup to produce and supply high quality, low cost
software to all Amiga users. We've selected the very best from our
collection including titles that have already sold well in other schemes
and also some brand new commercial quality titles. We hold to date 34
titles, quality not quantity is our motto. Any title sold by ourselves is
supplied to the customer in a clear plastic case with professionally
printed insert. We also advertise in all popular Amiga based publications
and our distributors are encouraged to promote all 5DL titles to the full.

Our main website is located in the UK at:

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            http://www.ware5d.demon.co.uk
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Please surf across and browse through the pages to get a better idea of the sort of software we sell. You can even download some of our demos to check on their quality.

Here's how it all works. The retail price of a one disk title is £3.95, with £1.25 going to the programmer, £2.45 to the retailer, and 25p for administration. You will receive payment from the sales of your title(s) every two months, by direct bank transfer (if you hold a UK bank account) if the value is £10 or less the amount will rollover to the next pay day, but don't worry, I always keep you well informed.

The dates for payment are around the 18th of:

                          JANUARY
                          MARCH
                          MAY
                          JULY
                          SEPTEMBER
                          NOVEMBER

The complete title should be sent in for evaluation and if accepted a couple of things need to be done to each disk to help protect both our interests.

1. The official 5D disk icon to be added.
2. The official 5D title screen to be added.

I hope that the above will be of interest to you.

I would also recommend if possible, a cutdown PD version, to spread to other libraries and 5DL distributors. A screenshot of your program would also be appreciated, to aid in magazine reviews and advertising. Please remember that signing the agreement gives 5th Dimension Licenceware the exclusive right to sell the title.

Yours sincerely

        Phil~Wilkinson

1.3   5DL Evaluations

5D Evaluations
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When a program is received for evaluation, it's tested immediately by myself and a few notes are taken down containing program type, presentation, first impressions, and value for money. All that takes place early in the morning before any work as begun, so nothing is decided just yet.

When customers pop in I'll show them the title and jot down any comments
they may make, good or bad. At the days end when all is quiet I'll load up
any evaluations and this time go through them with a more critical eye,
again making notes and looking for the hidden features which make a good
program into a great program. Running this business as given me an eye for
what's hot and what's not in the crazy world of computer software. Some of
the programs may be good, but not good enough for the scheme, others may be
not suitable to sell as licenceware.   This doesn't mean they are rubbish,
just not able to join the 5D scheme and if this happens alternative ways of
marketing may be suggested. Either way you can be sure that you'll receive
an answer from me quickly to let you know just what as been decided.

If you would like to submit one of your programs to the 5D scheme then
please read the following notes.

1.   Make sure that you include your name, address, telephone number, and
       if possible E-Mail address.

2.   The complete program must be sent in for evaluation, no PD or cutdown
       versions, I can then see just what's on offer to the customers.

3.   Include a description of the title, ie number of levels, hardware
       required, is it new!

4.   Tell me if there are any cheats to allow access to later levels ;)

5.   Use the AmigaDOS filing system OFS/FFS depending on target machine.

6.   HardDrive installable is prefered, but not essential.

All the above points will allow me to check your program to the full, if
the program is accepted an official 5D screen will have to be added, so the
disk will need to have some free space. So that's all there is to it, some
titles are signed up and on sale within weeks, others require more
development, which I'm always happy to help with and may take months to
reach the public. If you've got something finished send it in now and I'll
take a look.

Don't forget that all 5DL programmers receive a 20% discount off any title
in the scheme, that's another great reason to join us. Don't delay join
today and order some of the best value Amiga titles around for even less!!

1.4 Wanted

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All program types are welcome at the moment, but one or two are really
needed. If you've got one of the following then please send it in for
evaluation.

1.   I'm a big fan of racing/driving games, infact I love'em. The scheme

would benefit from a car racing game and the whole world is waiting
for a good motorcycle racing game. Someone must be able to produce
one, so please send it in.

2.   Educational software is always needed, specially for the 5-9 year age
groups, parents ask for these all the time.

1.5   5DL - Title List

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-- Education --
Amiga Assist - Workbench 2/3 Tutor - £3.95
GCSE Physics Tutor - Essential tutorial with questions - £4.95
History Machine II - Facts and figures from the past 1996 years - £3.95


-- Games --
Antz - Strategy - £3.95
Beasties II - Shoot/Strategy - £3.95
Black Dawn II - RPG - £3.95
Blox - Arcade puzzler - £3.95
Bouncer - Arcade puzzler - £3.95
Bouncy - Platform puzzler - £3.95
British Manager - Football management game - £3.95
Burton Bird - Platform - £3.95
Casino - Gambling game collection - £3.95
Contentious - Two player shoot'em up - £3.95
Hideous - Platform blaster - £3.95
Hilt - Action/Strategy - £3.95
Hilt II - Action/Strategy - £4.95
International Golf - Sports simulator - £5.50
Jump'Em - Arcade puzzler - £3.95
OG! The Caveman AGA - Platform game - £3.95
OutLiner -  Asteroids clone - £3.95
Paradox - Puzzle game with attitude - £3.95
Parasite II - Multilevel RPG - £3.95
PLEBS - Platform blaster - £3.95
Rotator - Platform puzzler - £4.95
Splat - Breakout clone - £3.95
ThunderDawn - Full screen RPG - £3.95
White Rabbits - Cool arcade puzzler - £3.95


-- Mags --
Dark Portal IV - Digital Fiction - £3.95
WAC Issue 8 - Amos based disk mag - £3.95


-- Utilities --
AGASSM v7.24 - Slideshow creator with GUI - £3.95
Disk-System 3 - MultiMedia diskmag creator - £3.95
DSEKit - Extras disk for Disk-System - £3.95
MSR Music 1 - Copyright free music modules - £3.95
MSR Music 2 - Copyright free music modules - £3.95
National Lottery System - Lottery database - £3.95
SCM4 Mapper - Programmers mapping program - £3.95
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1.6   5DL - History

-- 1994 --

Way back in the winter of 1994, trouble reared it's loathsome head over our
beloved Amiga.   The good times had gone and with them the support of all
the large software companies, their attention now turned to the PeeCee. I
had used the Amiga since the first WB1.2 A500 in the late eighties and
always supported the machine and PD markets, during 1994 I decided to leave
my job and started my own Public Domain library called "SaddleTramps PD",
which is still a very active and successful company in it's own right. I
quickly acquired the distribution rights for the two main licenceware
schemes at the time, CLR and F1. It soon became clear that the CLR scheme
was, shall we say, in a bit of trouble. It was losing all the support and
respect of it's programmers and was consequently going to close. At this
point I decided to start a new company and so 5th Dimension Licenceware was
born.

-- The Beginning --

I contacted many friends, programmers, and customers to find out just what
they expected to gain from either submitting titles to or buying titles
from 5DL, the response was amazing!! Ideas came in thick and fast and
gradually I was able to create an exiting new structure to suit everyone
programmers, distributers, customers, and even little old me ;) Competitors
though that the aggressive pricing structure and the complete new approach
to licenceware would never work, but as you see to their dismay, it
did.

The main battle plan is simple, 5DL can produce high quality Amiga software
for a retail price that anyone can afford, if bought directly from
ourselves it's even supplied in a rather smart plastic case complete with
printed insert card at no extra cost, so keeping your software investment
safe.   Customers are getting excellent value for money, programmers are
getting their titles presented with the respect they deserve, and putting
profits into their pockets for all the time spent in development.
Everybody wins with 5DL and the Amiga is kept alive.

-- What Now? --

It's over a year since the introduction of 5DL onto the Amiga market and
things are going very well, coverage of our titles in the has been good.
The CLR scheme did close and so we were able to fill a gap in the market
and move along side F1L, who's titles we still support and sell along side
our own range.   The owner of F1, Steve Bye, and myself are always in
contact and operate with a friendly rivalry, both fully committed to seeing
the Amiga back on top.

The success of 5DL so far does not mean that we are sitting back and
resting on our laurels, many new titles are in development and great things
are planned for the coming year. Our latest release comes complete with a
fully printed manual (not photocopied) and is written/produced in house by

us to enhance this great new product.

Amivoice is a brand new invoice/order form creator with some innovative
ideas, the program saves all the invoices/orders to disk and allows you to
find any data within seconds, it can printout a whole days work in one
session, allows you to enter stock codes, plus much much more. A new paint
package Belle's Paint V2.0 as just been released and some of the titles
will be totally updated for 1996. One of the main problems I found with
other schemes was the repetition of titles in the collection, thus making
an impressively long but misleading program list. At 5DL we are constantly
looking at our current titles and checking their value in the scheme and
seeing if any improvements can be made, if changes can be made or a new
version is released then the title is directly updated and not added to the
end of our lists.

This creates a small but perfectly formed collection ;)

-- The Future --

5DL is now the fastest growing licenceware company in the UK. Our high
standards and vigarious testing ensures the released software will always
perform as advertised. We recieve many letters from customers praising our
excellent service and product range, try us yourself today and you'll
wonder why you didn't try us sooner.

Programmers are always impressed with the care and enthusiasm we show
towards their titles. They also know that if a program is excepted onto
the 5DL books it must be of the very highest quality.

Keep your eyes open in the Amiga press for details of our first full
commercial release during early 1997. The project is reaching the end of
it's development, please call back here for the latest news.

1.7 Copyright

Copyright Warning
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I check the contents of all the programs in the scheme and to the best of
my knowledge, non contain any copyright material. Please make sure that
before you send in any title it contains only your own work and if not,
then permission from the owner to use their work must be given. Areas to
check are music modules and art work.

Once a program is signed up to the 5D scheme it cannot be sold by any other
company. This means that 5th Dimension Licenceware as exclusive rights of
sale and only 5th Dimension Licenceware and it's official distributors can
legally sell the product.

Official 5DL distributors (January 1997) are:

        SaddleTramps PD   HorneSoft PD   Snappy PD

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    SeaSoft Computing      Pixel Digital PD        Norwich PD
    Sagittarius Software   Der Spezialist
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Titles can also be purchased from:

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    Doncaster Road Post Office, Wath-Upon-Dearne
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Each title sold direct from 5D Licenceware will include a plastic case and
a printed insert displaying the products name, please note that service is
not part of the distribution contract and so may not be available from all
outlets.

1.8 Proprietor

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