

OctaMED

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Chapter 1

OctaMED

1.1 OctaMED ReadMe

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**
**   OctaMED Professional, Version 5.00c by Teijo Kinnunen in 1991-1993   **
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**   Completion Date 12-July-1993   On Sale Date 17-July-1993           **
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** NOTE! If writing to Teijo please quote Version 5.00c in your letter. **
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Thank you for buying OctaMED! This file contains important information, so please read all topics carefully before doing anything else. (If you're not sure how to operate this document reader, please press the Help key).

Compatibility

The OctaMED Club

Should I make a backup?

Hard Disk Installation

Copyright

About OctaMED & Thanks

Suppliers

Contact Addresses

The Future (16 Bit)

1.2 Compatibility

From now on, OctaMED requires operating system 2.04 or later, OctaMEDPlayer requires Kickstart/Workbench 1.2 or later. Even today, OctaMED differs from most other programs of this type by multitasking correctly and being totally system-friendly.

OctaMED and OctaMEDPlayer now support the AmigaGuide system to provide on-line help, allowing you to press HELP at any time to get a complete manual in hypertext format. (No commercial printing of the docs is allowed by law).

OctaMED uses the following disk-based operating system libraries:

asl.library (obligatory, available on this disk)
iffparse.library (obligatory, available on this disk)
amigaguide.library (optional), but required for the help feature. This is available on WB 3.0 or later, but for WB 2 users an older version is provided on this disk in the LIBS directory.

powerpacker.library (optional), needed for crunching etc, it is available on this disk. Powerpacker.library is used with the permission of the author.

lh.library (optional, great compression ,available on Fish disk #436)

1.3 MED USERS GROUP

No demo songs are provided this time, as there is unfortunately not enough space on the disk. You can obtain a host of mods and also obtain a great deal of help and very friendly guidance on OctaMED by joining the Med Users Group, known as MUG. By joining you will receive a monthly disk packed with OctaMED info, mods, help, etc, etc.

You may find a members registration form supplied with this disk, if not, write to MUG, 6 Glevum Road, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, Wilts. SN3 4AF Ask for details of Membership, stating that you have OctaMED version 5.

PLEASE..enclose an S.A.E or IRC coupon for your reply!!

By the way, should you be wondering.....

A manual for this version is being prepared. The down side is that it will not be available until around mid-September (sorry, but this sort of thing cannot be rushed). Contact Seasoft or the above named MUG group sometime in late September for availability and price etc.

1.4 Backup

It's recommended that you make a working copy of your OctaMED disk and store the original disk in a safe place. This will save you from a lot of frustration if your OctaMED disk becomes corrupted. You are allowed BY LAW to make two backup copies for your own personal use only!

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1.7 About OctaMED & Thanks

Excluding Commodore's Public Domain IFF sample loader routines, the
 entire program has been designed and programmed by Teijo Kinnunen.

The OctaMED.guide help file has been written by Ed Wiles (partially
 based on documentation of older versions of OctaMED). Thanks for your
 excellent work, Ed!

The icons for OctaMED/OctaMEDPlayer have been designed by Izrael
 Similä (Iz Productions). Thanks!

OctaMED has been pre-release-tested by Ed, Daniel, Stephan, Pasi and
 Håkan. Thank you! Also thanks for the numerous suggestions sent by
 numerous people.

And last, but certainly not the least, thanks to Ray for suggesting
 and subsequently taking care of the world distribution of OctaMED!

1.8 Licenced Suppliers as of July 93

OctaMED is available from the following companies:

Seasoft: 1st Floor, 80 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, W.Sussex. BN16 3EY

Amiganuts United: 199 Taylor Street, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia 4350

DevWare inc.: 12528 Kirkham Court, Suite 11, Poway, CA 92064 (USA)

Amisound: Kallvagen 14, S-856 51 Sundsvall, SWEDEN.

L'Agora Srl: C.so Vittorio Emanuel 15, 20122 Milano, ITALY.

MegaDisk Pty Ltd. P.O. Box 759, Crows Nest, Australia 2065.

AM/FM c/o Bjørn A.Lynne - Schleppegrellsgt. 10 - 0556 Oslo - Norway.

For further details, see their adverts, or write to them enclosing an S.A.E.

More suppliers may become available in your own part of the world. If not, ask your supplier to contact RBF Software at the address given in the Contact Addresses section, for registration details.

A freely distributable demo version of OctaMED V5 is available from many PD suppliers, including the Fred Fish collection.

1.9 Contact Addresses

For any matters concerning distribution, sales, copyright, licencing, or such, you should contact the world copyright owners RBF Software:

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For matters concerning the program itself, e.g. suggestions, ideas and bug reports, you can write to the author:

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FidoNet 2:228/402 (Lightning Zone BBS)

I'm sorry, I have no access to Internet at the moment, however, you can probably access the FidoNet address:

teijo.kinnunen@f402.n228.z2.fidonet.org

Due to the amount of received mail and limited spare time, the author

will probably not be able to reply (unless it's really important). I'm sorry about this.. I can't afford to hire a secretary.. ;-)
E-Mail messages will probably be answered, though, as it's much quicker and easier.

Anyway, you are very welcome to write and share your ideas and feelings. Even if I cannot answer personally, all suggestions/ideas will be considered.

NOTE: The author will be doing military service during the period June 1993 - March 1994. If not very urgent, please do not attempt to contact the author during that period.

Please remember to indicate the version number of OctaMED you are using. If you are reporting bugs, also indicate the embedded version number, as returned by the Shell command: `version OctaMED full`

If you find any mistakes in or have any suggestions concerning the OctaMED.guide on-line help file, Ed would love to hear from you! Please write to:

Ed Wiles, 9 Kirkland Wynd, Lochvale, Dumfries, DG1 4ES, SCOTLAND.

1.10 Author's thoughts about future development

Because of the military service, major development of OctaMED will be frozen until Spring 1994.

The development will continue in Spring 1994. I'm planning to add a lot of smaller but useful features. Some of the major plans We have include:

- * ARexx support
- * DSP/New sound chip support

This latter feature will be added if:

- the A5000 DSP Sound chip becomes available as an add-on for the V2/V3 A500+ /A3000 /A1200 etc. (there are a lot of rumors, at least)
- they CAN easily be fitted into my A3000
- and if CBM supply myself and Ray with these, along with sufficient documentation.

If you are keen on getting an add-on 16 bit sound board for your Amy, the ONLY way is to let Commodore know that you want it.

So get writing to:

The Technical Department. CBM (UK) Ltd., Commodore House, The Switchback, Gardner Road, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 7XA.

Tell them that you want an OctaMED that utilises 16 bit and as you don't want to be forced over to the (shudder) Falcon, will they please hurry

and release an add-on board using 16 bit sound for your machine!

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The more letters they get the better and maybe then \*V6\* will contain this excellent, long awaited sound feature. (\*V6 LATE AUGUST 1994\*)

-> Write to them now!, don't put it off, it never gets done. :-)