OctaMED

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**      OctaMED Professional, Version 6 by Teijo Kinnunen 1991-1995      **
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This file contains important information, so please read all topics
carefully before doing anything else.
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1.2   Disk Contents

          The OctaMED distribution consists of two disks:

   Disk 1: OctaMED Installation Disk
   Disk 2: OctaMED Supplementary Disk

The contents of general interest are:

Disk 1:

    ReadMe.guide   This file.
    Changes   New features in V6.
    Install-OctaMED OctaMED installation script (see
                Installation
).
    XPKGuide (dir) An AmigaGuide front-end supporting packed files.

After the initial installation, the Installation Disk isn't usually
required, unless you want to re-install OctaMED. However, the Changes file
and XPKGuide documentation are not copied by the installation procedure,
you will have to access them off the installation disk.

Disk 2:

    OctaMEDPlayer (dir)

        A freely distributable OctaMED player program, and its
        documentation.

    Demos (dir)

        Some demonstration music.

    Libs (dir)

        medplayer.library and octaplayer.library
        Some third-party programs may require these libraries.

    Programmers (dir)

        Player sources and documentation for programmers.
        Be sure to read "ReadMe.doc" first!

    Extras (dir)

        Contains:

        OCTAMED_AREXX.doc   OctaMED's ARexx documentation

        Rexx (dir)

        A couple of ARexx scripts written by Ed Wiles. They
        may be useful both as such and as examples.

        Keyboard (dir)

        Some useful keyboard shortcut collections that
        you may want to use:

        PadI1/PadI2.keyboard   Alternative numeric keypad
                    configurations for changing
                    instruments.

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          PadT1/PadT2.keyboard    Alternative numeric keypad
                        configurations for turning
                        tracks on/off.

          PTKeys.keyboard     Emulates some keyboard
                        functions of Protracker.

          OctaMEDPro.lamigakeyboard

             Defines Left-Amiga shortcuts for menu items not
             having a Right-Amiga shortcut. (By Ed Wiles)

          OctaMEDPro.returnkeyboard

             Makes the Return key close windows. (By Ed Wiles)
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The installation script copies the entire contents or selected parts of
Disk 2 to your hard disk, if desired. Non-bootable floppy installation
copies directories Extras/Keyboard and Extras/Rexx. The rest of the files
will have to be accessed directly off the disk.

1.3 Compatibility

OctaMED requires operating system 2.04 or later, but OctaMEDPlayer and
executable modules saved by OctaMED, still only require Kickstart/WB 1.2 or
higher to run, thus allowing you to pass on your PD music (along with the
OctaMEDPlayer itself) to others that may still be using an older Amiga®.
(Note that the OctaMEDPlayer is the ONLY part of this disk that is freely
distributable).

OctaMED and OctaMEDPlayer 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. Use the guide via OctaMED, by pressing the HELP key
whilst the prog is running. No commercial printing of the docs is allowed
by law, they may be printed out for the purchaser's personal use only, they
may not be passed on. Printing any portion of the on disk help or "OctaMED
Companion" IS illegal and any Company wishing to do so must first apply for
a licence.

OctaMED uses the following disk-based operating system libraries:

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amigaguide.library® (optional), but required to use the on-line help.
          Available on WB 3.0 or later, but for WB 2 users an
          older version is provided in the LIBS directory.
asl.library     (obligatory)
diskfont.library    (optional, required for font support)
iffparse.library    (optional, required for loading IFF samples)
lh.library      (optional), great compression, licenced with
          author (Olaf Barthel).
powerpacker.library (optional), needed for crunching etc, it is
          available on this disk. Licenced with author
          (Nico François).
reqtools.library    (optional, if ReqTools requesters desired)
xpkmaster.library   (optional, required for XPK support, not included
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with OctaMED)

  (Amigaguide® and wb 2.1 files are used under licence with Commodore)

Besides AmigaGuide, the following programs may be optionally used as
OctaMED's hypertext display program:

Hyper©   .guide reader, reads PowerPacked .guide files.

Hyper, from version 1.19b is copyright RBF Software and may not be used
within commercial/sharware/licenceware, without obtaining a licence.

XPKGuide v1.6   .guide reader, reads PowerPacked .guide files.

The author of XPKGuide is Simon Dick and he has very kindly given specific
permission to include his program for use within OctaMED (why not e-mail
him on sidick@essex.ac.uk and say hello).

One final thing..., we have found that depending on where your 1200 was
assembled, (don't ask us why!), the Chord function does not work on that
particular A1200 keyboard, (works fine all the others, including the
4000's!), so if you are using an A1200 and this function fails to work,
then you will have to insert your chords manually, don't blame us!!

1.4 MED USERS GROUP

If you haven't yet joined the MED Users Group (or MUG for short), we
strongly recommend that you do! This non-profit making group offers a great
deal of help and very friendly guidance on OctaMED. By joining you will
receive lots of OctaMED info, songs, help, etc, etc.

Write to MUG, 6 Glevum Road, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, Wilts. SN3 4AF
Ask for details of membership, stating that you have OctaMED version 6

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

By the way, the Med User Group is run in association with the OctaMED User
Support BBS, so if you have a modem, why not give us a call on: +44 (0)1703
703446 and join in the fun.

BBS opening times: On line from 10am to 2am 7 Days a week

1.5 Installation

You can't run OctaMED directly from the distribution disk. It must always
be installed to suit your Amiga configuration. The provided Install-OctaMED
script will take care of the installation automatically. You have three
different installation options:

1) Bootable disk
2) Non-bootable disk (requires booting from the Workbench disk)

3) Hard disk installation

In cases 1 and 2 make sure you have a blank disk (may be unformatted) and a
standard Workbench disk available.

In order to install OctaMED Version 6, just click the Install-OctaMED icon
and follow the instructions.

1.6 Copyright

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NO WARRANTIES ARE MADE. ALL USE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. NO LIABILITY OR
RESPONSIBILITY IS ASSUMED.

Note that the CBM copyright notice may alter soon, but we have been
informed that they will remain applicable to the new owners of the Amiga.

1.7   About OctaMED & Thanks

This program has been entirely designed and programmed by Teijo Kinnunen.

The Copyrighted OctaMED.guide files have been written and updated by Ed
Wiles, (based mainly on the documentation of older versions of OctaMED).

Note that these may not be reproduced without permission.

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

OctaMED has been pre-release-tested by Richard Bannister, Kevan Craft, Tony
Horgan, Bjørn A. Lynne, Ed Wiles, Daniel Amor, Stephan Fuhrmann, Dean
Murray and Paul Overraa Thank you! Also many thanks for the numerous
suggestions sent in by users worldwide.

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

1.8   Suppliers Licenced by RBF Software

Note that DevWare are no longer licenced to act as our N. American
distributors as after having sold thousands of Dollars worth of our program
in America, instead of sending us the agreed payments, they chose to steal
the Royalties and plough it back into the company to attempt to keep
themselves bouyant!!

The boss, Scot Pincus, has ignored our attempts to sort this out and
matters are now in the hands of a debt recovery agency. So, if buying
products from this Company, be aware of this fact!

**Update on the DevWare Saga

Well, we have had no luck contacting the above person and according to
one of his ex employees he has apparently pulled the plugs of all the
phone numbers at his DevWare company and used the money,
(some of that is ours as well), to apparently start up all over
again calling himself NT Inc.
So, be carefull and may we suggest that you check them out first
before placing an order, as if it IS being run by Scot Pincus you
would be well advised to place any orders with great caution!!!

Finaly, please note that V6 can now be purchased from the well known
(and trustworthy), Amiga Library Services. [Fred Fish]

Please contact ALS for price details.

RBF Software has now re-commenced selling Octamed directly in the UK
and by cutting out the middle man and his "mark up" we are now able
to offer V6 at a "massive" reduction in price....

UK orders: £25.00
outside UK: £30.00

Note that this is for the English language version 6 ONLY.

All EC and worldwide orders by Eurocheque, Giro or bank draught ONLY.
All UK orders by Cheque or postal order.

Payment made out to: RBF Software
and send to: 169, Dale Valley Road, Southampton, SO16 6QX, England

A full French language version is available from:

France-Festival-Distribution
3, Rue Anatole France, Fr 13220 Chateuaneuf-Les-Martigues. (33)
42761870

A full German language version is available from:

ABF Computer Gbr
Postfach 40 01 43   70401 Stuttgart.   07152/937904

So if you live in one of these countries, or would prefer a version in one
of these languages, please contact them.

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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    We can also be reached on the net by e-mail:

    rbfsoft@cix.compulink.co.uk

    OR,

    via the OctaMED User Support BBS on +44 (0)1703 703446

        (this is the home of the OctaMED.User/MUG Group)

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

    Teijo Kinnunen
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    FIN-86300 OULAINEN
    FINLAND

    e-mail: kinnunen@stekt.oulu.fi (preferred)

The author may not be able to reply individually to every letter received,
but you are still very welcome to write and share your ideas and feelings.
All suggestions/ideas will be considered.

Please remember to indicate the version number of OctaMED you are using.
This is important if you are reporting bugs, the version number and its
compilation date are displayed in the OctaMED "About" screen (select About
from the Project menu).

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If you find any mistakes in or have any suggestions concerning the on-line
help file, Ed, the main author, would love to hear from you!

Please write to:

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

NOTE TO BRITISH USERS: You may notice the odd American spelling in the help
file. This is intended as an aid users living in countries where English
isn't the first language (there's quite a few, you know ;'), since it's
likely that American rather than English spellings will be familiar.
(Anyway, who ever thought of putting a "u" in "color" ??-) The original
Latin word didn't have a "u" in it, so ... ??!?!? :-D)

NOTE TO AMERICAN USERS: I've included as many American spellings as I know,
but if I've got (sorry, gotten :) anything wrong, please tell me! (remember
that the manual does not cover this new soundcard addition)

1.10 Future development

The 64ch OctaMED Soundstudio V1 is now on sale!!

  * 64 channels.
  * An improved/new notation editor.

   * Configurable and improved mixing routines.
   * Direct to disk recording.
   * 14bit without soundcard
   * And much more!!

A500+ or A2000 (using WB2.1)

A1200, (Blizzard compatible, 4mg advisable),
and of course A4000 or higher.

All readers with above specs can obtain a copy of Soundstudio for a truly
low price by cutting out the coupon in the magazine and returning it along
with your order, (no coupon, no deal).

         Watch out for the new PC version in late 1997