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## Chapter 1

# AminetGuide

### 1.1 Welcome to Aminet CD 13

WELCOME TO AMINET CD 13 ↔  
Deutsch

Copyright 1996  
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Welcome to the 13th CD in the Aminet series. As always, it is ↔  
crammed with  
all the goodies for the Amiga:  
780M of

new stuff  
out since the making of  
Aminet CD 12  
410M of  
very new stuff  
out since the making of  
Aminet Set 3  
200M of animations integrated into Aminet  
20M of top downloads used to complete the charts  
2M of registered shareware: The animation editor MainActor

For the following types of data we have special guides:

Games	A list of all games sorted by quality
Demos	An index of compatible demos, sorted by quality
Pictures	A database with scaled down versions of the images
Mods	A list of all mods by style and rating

Information is also available on:

New features  
What the previous CDs didn't have

Access software  
Find, Prefs, and all the other tools

Customizing  
How to adapt Aminet CD to your taste

Troubleshooting  
What to do if problems occur

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What is Aminet  
Information about our distributed archive

Accessing Aminet  
How to download directly from Aminet

Submitting  
How to get your software onto Aminet.

Ordering  
Where to order Aminet CDs and subscriptions

Disclaimer  
Legal mumbo jumbo plus virus warning

## 1.2 About the author

The guy who selected, arranged, documented and sorted the contents of this CD for you is me, Urban Müller, the main administrator of Aminet. All the support software is from me, too. You can reach me at [umueller@wuarchive.wustl.edu](mailto:umueller@wuarchive.wustl.edu) if you have any feedback about this CD.

Of course this CD would not have been possible without the help of the countless people involved in the administration of Aminet, not to mention the thousands of uploaders. Special thanks go to:

Matthias Supp - for most of the German descriptions  
Matthias Scheler - for co-moderating Aminet.  
Lars Eilebrecht - for beta-testing.  
Martin Schulze - for beta-testing

If you ever wanted to know what my job at Aminet is: juggling gigs Well illustrated by an MPEG animation of me juggling harddisks at a meeting. Also available a still image at better resolution. Not shown: Lots of even shorter runs :)

Yours truly....

Urban Müller

## 1.3 Subscriptions

### Subscriptions

If you'd like the Aminet CD sent to you every two months and save money at the same time, then ask your dealer about subscriptions. If you order from Fred Fish's "Cronus" in the USA, the subscription price is \$59.95 for 4 issues, which means about \$15 per issue instead of about \$20. The price does not include shipping (\$4 anywhere worldwide). The address:

CRONUS  
 1840 East Warner Road #105-265  
 Chandler, AZ 85284  
 U.S.A.

FAX: (602) 491-0048  
 Voice: (800) 804-0833 or (602) 491-0442

Stefan Ossowski's Schatztruhe GmbH in Germany also offers subscriptions.  
 See this

order information

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You may want to ask you local dealer if he offers subscriptions, too.

## 1.4 Previous Aminet CD's

### Previous Aminet CDs

As you probably know, the Aminet archive has much more material than fits on a single CD. If you want all of it, you all Aminet Sets and Aminet 13.

CD	Date	Contents	Set	Date	Contents
1	Jul-93	new	1A	Feb-95	dev util
2	Mar-94	new	1B	Feb-95	gfx pix text docs
3	Jul-94	new	1C	Feb-95	demo game comm hard
4	Nov-94	new+mods	1D	Feb-95	mus mods biz disk misc
5	Mar-95	new+games			
6	Jun-95	new+demos	2a	Nov-96	util text docs biz
7	Aug-95	new+clipart	2b	Nov-96	gfx pix misc
8	Oct-95	new+mods	2c	Nov-96	demo game dev disk hard
9	Dec-95	new+games	2d	Nov-96	mus mods comm
10	Feb-96	new+fonts			
11	Apr-96	new+maps			
12	Jun-96	new+mods			

If you want to make sure you don't miss a CD, check our  
 subscriptions

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Each single Aminet CD also has special highlight, so if you're interested in, say, Games, you may consider Aminet CD 9.

Aminet Set 3

The complete Aminet since Set 2, and Imagine 4 (Jul 96)

Aminet Set 2

The complete Aminet since Set 1 (Nov 95)

Aminet Set 1

The complete Aminet on a newly made 4 CD set (Jan 95)

Aminet CD 12	The newest, the best, 900 mods and OctaMED	(Jun 96)
Aminet CD 11	The newest, the best, 700 maps and XiPaint	(Apr 96)
Aminet CD 10	The newest, the best, 2000 fonts and PageStream	(Feb 96)
Aminet CD 9	The newest, the best, and 900 games	(Dec 96)
Aminet CD 8	The newest, the best, and 2000 mods	(Oct 95)
Aminet CD 7	The newest, the best, and 9000 pictures	(Aug 95)

## 1.5 Aminet CD 12

Aminet CD 12 - The newest, the best, and 900 mods

Aminet CD 12 contains, again, about 1 gig of freely distributable software. The newest archive included is from May 1st. Apart from the new software, the CD concentrates on music and music making. The space is used as follows (after decompression):

- 760M of software newer than Aminet CD 11 (yet another record)
- 300M of music modules, many of them multichannel
- 75M of music software, the complete mus/ directory
- 10M of instruments for composing
- 10M of top downloads from Aminet
- 5M of commercial software: OctaMED 5, Symphonie 2.4 and SoundFX

OctaMED V5 is a very popular editor for music modules with up to 8 tracks. It has no restrictions but is not the latest version. The tracker Symphonie has a built-in 14-bit playing routine that achieves a high sound quality. The version on CD is restricted to 8 tracks. Finally there is the excellent sample editor SoundFX (registered version) in its 68000 version only.

The freely distributable part is composed as follows:

- 900 mods from Aminet and other sources
- 400 music related programs
- 300 utilities
- 300 communications programs
- 900 files from other categories

plus 700 instruments in large archives with a separate index.

Aminet CD 12 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

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other CDs

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## 1.6 Aminet CD 11

Aminet CD 11 - The newest, the best, and 700 maps

Aminet CD 11 contains, you already guessed it, about 1 gig of freely distributable software. The newest archive included is from March 2nd. Apart from the new software, the CD concentrates on maps collected from various sources. The space is used as follows (after decompression):

- 670M of software newer than Aminet CD 10 (all time high!)
- 150M of high resolution maps covering most areas of the world
- 80M of top downloads
- 20M of commercial software: XiPaint 3.2, full version

XiPaint is a nice 24-bit paint program that works gfx boards and just about any image format. It is licensed to the buyer of the CD only, and not freely distributable. Check the upgrade offer that comes with it.

The freely distributable part is composed as follows:

- 500 mods, most of them new
- 200 utilities
- 200 communications programs
- 800 programs of other categories

plus 700 maps in 24-bit JPEG format, covering most areas of the world. The maps have an index that is sorted by continent, and a search facility.

Aminet CD 11 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

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## 1.7 Aminet CD 10

Aminet CD 10 - The newest, the best, and 2000 fonts

Aminet CD 10 contains, once more, over 1 gig of freely distributable software. The newest archive included is from January 3rd. Apart from the new software, the CD concentrates on fonts collected from various sources. The space is used as follows (after decompression):

- 520M of software newer than Aminet CD 9
- 330M of fonts, each font in several formats
- 170M of top downloads

... plus two special highlights:

PageStream 2.2, unrestricted, with manual+upgrade deal  
TypeSmith 2.5 (latest), slightly restricted, with similar deal

These two excellent programs give you an absolutely top of the range DTP combination. They are licensed to the buyer of the CD only, and not freely distributable.

The freely distributable part is composed as follows:

650 mods, most of them new  
300 utilities  
300 communications programs  
700 programs of other categories

plus 2000 fonts in Postscript, Intellifont and bitmap format, stored in large archives but easy to preview and extract. All fonts are hinted for better appearance, and most fonts are available in all formats.

Aminet CD 10 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

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other CDs

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## 1.8 Aminet CD 9

Aminet CD 9 - The newest, the best, and 900 games

Aminet CD 9 contains, as usual, over 1 gig of freely distributable software. The newest archive included is from November 4th. Apart from the new software, the CD concentrates on games from various sources. The space is used as follows (after decompression):

500M of software newer than CD 8 (280M newer than Set 2)  
330M of games  
100M of electronic books  
100M of top downloads

These consist of:

930 games (directly startable)  
640 mods  
300 docs  
140 pictures  
90 demos

...plus 2400 utilities of all kinds.

Aminet CD 9 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

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other CDs

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## 1.9 Aminet CD 8

Aminet CD 8 - The newest, the best, and 2000 mods

Aminet CD 8 contains over 1 gigabyte of freely distributable software. The newest file included is dated Nov 4th. Besides the the new software, the CD concentrates on pictures and modules. The space on the CD is used as follows:

- 650M of software newer than Aminet CD 7
- 500M of mods
- 50M of top downloads

The mods were collected from various sources besides Aminet and were not found on earlier Aminet CDs.

Aminet CD 8 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

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other CDs

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## 1.10 Aminet CD 7

Aminet CD 7 - The newest, the best, and 9000 pictures

Aminet CD 7 contains over 1 gigabyte of freely distributable software. The newest file included is dated June 26th. Besides the the new software, the CD concentrates on pictures and clip art. The space on the CD is used as follows:

- 650M of software newer than Aminet CD 6
- 350M of images
- 50M of top downloads

These consist of:

- 1500 pictures (+7700 clip art images in large archives)
- 1250 tools
- 380 mods
- 130 games
- 70 demos

The pictures were collected from various sources besides Aminet and were not found on earlier Aminet CDs.

Aminet CD 7 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

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## 1.11 Aminet CD 6

Aminet CD 6 - The newest, the best, and 1800 demos

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## 1.12 Aminet CD 5

Aminet CD 5 - The newest, the best, and 1000 games

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## 1.13 Aminet CD 4

Aminet CD 4 - The newest, the best, and 1700 mods

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## 1.14 Aminet CD 3

Aminet CD 3 - The newest and the best from Aminet

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other CDs

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## 1.15 Aminet CD 2

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other CDs

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## 1.16 Aminet CD 1

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## 1.17 Aminet Set 1

Aminet Set 1 - The complete Aminet on 4 new CDs

As you probably know, there is a big archive behind all those Aminet CDs. Aminet Set finally brings you the complete archive on four newly created CD-ROMs.

If you already have several Aminet CDs, buying the Aminet Set still makes sense for the following reasons:

1. Even if you have all Aminet CDs, you still lack a lot of software from Aminet. And the less CDs you already have, the more additional software you get from the set:

If you already have	The set gives you an additional
Aminet CD 1,2,3,4,5	467M of Aminet software
Aminet CD 2,3,4,5	512M of Aminet software
Aminet CD 3,4,5	851M of Aminet software
Aminet CD 4,5	1191M of Aminet software
Aminet CD 5	1681M of Aminet software

2. Aminet Set 1 presents its data more nicely than the previous CDs. As you can see on this CD, all games and demos can be started directly, the images are in a nice image data base, and the modules are presented in a list that is sorted by style. Also, there are a lot of German descriptions as well as a Fish and a SaarAG index. This is missing on the older CDs but present on Aminet Set, so buying some of the same data a second time can make sense.
3. Aminet Set 1 is better organized than the previous CDs. Until now, the Images from Aminet have been scattered on all the Aminet CDs. Aminet Set brings them all on the same CD, just as all other types of data. Also, using Aminet Set you can search the complete Aminet very quickly and easily, including a very fast full text search of all the .readme files.

Aminet Set costs US \$39.95 or DM 59.

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## 1.18 Aminet Set 2

Aminet Set 2 - The new Aminet on 4 more CDs

As you probably know, there is a big archive behind all those Aminet CDs. Aminet Set 2 brings you the complete new archive on four CD-ROMs.

If you already have several Aminet CDs, buying the Aminet Set still makes sense for the following reasons:

1. Aminet Set 2 completes Aminet Set 1 to give a complete snapshot of the Aminet archive.
2. Aminet Set 2 presents its data more nicely than the previous CDs. As you can see on this CD, all games and demos can be started directly, the images are in a nice image data base, and the modules are presented in a list that is sorted by style. Also, there are a lot of German descriptions as well as a Fish and a SaarAG index.
3. Aminet Set 2 is better organized than the previous CDs. Until now, the Images from Aminet have been scattered on all the Aminet CDs. Aminet Set brings them all on the same CD, just as all other types of data. Also, using Aminet Set you can search the complete Aminet very quickly and easily, including a very fast full text search of all the .readme files.

Aminet Set 2 costs US \$45 or DM 59.

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other CDs

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## 1.19 Aminet Set 3

Aminet Set 3 - The new Aminet on 4 more CDs, plus Imagine ↔

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Aminet Set 3 contains close to 4 gigabytes (when uncompressed) of freely distributable Amiga software on 4 newly mastered CDs. There are 9000 archives from the following categories:

2000 Mods (directly playable)  
1500 Images (directly viewable)  
1300 Games (directly startable)  
800 Communications programs  
400 Demos (directly startable)  
3000 Utilities and applications

Aminet Set 3 contains all the Aminet data found on Aminet CD 9 to 12 plus 250M of other software that was on none of these: 170M of integrated modules and 80M of 3D objects to go with Imagine. This software will not appear on any subsequent CD. Only 150M of the software on Set 3 were found on Set 2 already. Also, 400M of

material newer than Aminet 12 are included.

Included in Aminet Set 3 is a completely unrestricted version of the excellent ray tracer Imagine 4.0 (only one version behind the current edition). There is also a tutorial for it (in English and German) plus additional docs, but no manual.

Also, there are upgrade discounts for the following programs found on the CD:

- Imagine can be upgraded to the latest version for \$125 + shipping
- XiPaint can be upgraded to the latest version for DM 59 + shipping
- OctaMED can be upgraded to SoundStudio for UKP 25 to 30 incl. shipping
- The Imagine PD CD can be obtained for \$20.00 incl. shipping, \$10 off

Aminet Set 3 costs US \$45 or DM 59.

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## 1.20 New stuff on this CD

New stuff since Aminet CD 12

Sorry, there is no special index of the new stuff since Aminet CD 12 since almost everything on this CD falls into that category. Only the animations are older and were added from other sources. Just check the normal Index . Look at the Age column to see see what is new; it should be 10 weeks old or less.

Be sure to have a look at the  
recommendations  
which include both very  
new and new stuff.

## 1.21 The new uploads to Aminet since Set 3

New uploads to Aminet since Set 3

Most of the software on this CD is unseen before. But here we're exclusively talking about what uploaded to Aminet since the previous CD was made, \*not\* about what was integrated from other sources.

The best way to browse the new files is looking at the directory sorted new files index of this CD. Select your general area of interest, and then hit the 'Browse' button in AmigaGuide to hop from directory to directory. Another approach is to check the charts of most downloaded files, where most of the files listed are new (the very latest have been omitted, tho). Finally, check the list of

recommendations

of the most interesting new

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files.

And of course you can check the new files index sorted by directory ,  
by name or by age , or search for something in the CD index.

## 1.22 Recommended new uploads

The following are, in my opinion, a few highlights among the new software on this CD. Not mentioned here are mods, games, pix and demos, since their highlights are mentioned in their own index files. Check the mods, though, we have loads of good ones once more.

First, these are the highlights that are newer than Aminet Set 3.

Here you can have a look at the latest demo versions of major commercial software:

MaxonBASIC3_D.lha	biz/demo	263K	3	German BASIC compiler
MaxonCINEMA3_D.lha	biz/demo	1.3M	3	German raytracing/animation package
MaxonMAGIC2_D.lha	biz/demo	456K	3	German screenblanker
MaxonMMEDIA_D.lha	biz/demo	728K	3	German presentation software
MaxonTOOLS2_D.lha	biz/demo	498K	3	Very flexible German filemanager
MaxonTWIST2_D.lha	biz/demo	672K	3	German relational database system

Who says good apps have to be huge?

MiniMail.lha	comm/mail	95K	1	V1.4a - An integrated E-mail system w/MIME
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Two special purpose file systems that may be of use to many.

HappyENV.lha	disk/misc	24K	2	Optimized RAM disk for ENV variables, V0.7
VirtualFloppy.lha	disk/misc	95K	2	VirtualFloppy (like FMS)

Lots of information is available:

ar408.lha	docs/mags	98K	3	Amiga Report 4.08, June 12, 1996.
House07a.lha	docs/mags	667K	3	Part 1 - Issue 07 (Juni/July) AmigaGuide
House07b.lha	docs/mags	466K	3	Part 2 - Issue 07 (Juni/July) AmigaGuide
House07c.lha	docs/mags	666K	3	Part 3 - Issue 07 (Juni/July) AmigaGuide
viscorp2.lha	docs/anno	99K	1	VIScorp Information 960506 to 960621

Be sure to have a look at these demo versions of a great video titler and image wiper.

ntpro.lha	gfx/misc	655K	2	Realtime 3D MultiMedia/Video Titler
nwpro.lha	gfx/misc	163K	2	Realtime 3D MultiMedia IFF Picture Wiper

Finally, those utilities sure are worth a look:

executehack.lha	util/boot	3K	5	V1.2 Hack to make Execute recognize #!
executehack.lha	util/cli	3K	5	V1.1 Hack to make Execute recognize #!
GetSCSI10.lzh	util/boot	2K	5	Extracts scsi.device, for HD access on ← softkicked
ops_boot.lha	util/boot	139K	2	Boot with animated Amigalogo & music!
PictDT43.lha	util/dtype	259K	1	Picture.datatype V43.748 for AGA/CGraphX
mcx253.lha	util/cdity	74K	3	Multi Function Commodity
mcxp317.lha	util/cdity	72K	3	MUI Preferences for MultiCX
ScreenTab_2_1.lha	util/cdity	127K	5	Now with nice images and taskbar !!!
DeepX12.lha	util/pack	41K	5	XPk disk expander
ScreenClock.lha	util/time	35K	5	V1.83:date/time/mem/cpu in curr. screen
PictureMenu.lha	util/wb	102K	3	Add anim-pictures to WB menu (MagicWB-styl)

Here come the highlights out between Aminet 12 and Aminet Set 3:

Great new internet applications all over the place.

AmiPhone1_90.lha	comm/net	135K	1	AmitTCP based voice chat program
Voyager.lha	comm/net	276K	4	WWW-Browser, Netscape/HTML3-extensions
HL2Voyager.lha	comm/tcp	2K	3	Arexx script for converting hotlist entries to Voy
AWeb.lha	comm/tcp	352K	1	AWeb 1.2 DEMO, limited features
unrealaudio.lha	comm/tcp	51K	5	Real time audio from the internet v0.3

For programmers, we have a 3D library, an autodoc viewer an a new release of the Oberon operating system.

Mesa_1_2_8.lha	dev/c	1.4M	1	3D library, OpenGL based, Amiga v1.0
txadreader.lha	dev/misc	46K	3	Autodoc Viewer
Oberon.lha	dev/obero	1.2M	1	Oberon System V4 for Amiga V1.3

Here we have a driver for ATAPI cdrom drives and an Undelete utility for AFS partitions.

Atapi_PnP212.lha	disk/cdrom	172K	5	V 2.12 Atapi cd.device for A4000,A1200,A600
AFSUndelete1_3.lha	disk/misc	19K	1	Undelete files on AFS partitions V1.3(MUI)

As usual, there is a new edition of the Amiga Report magazine.

ar407.lha	docs/mags	129K	3	Amiga Report 4.07, May 18, 1996
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In the graphics area, there is an AVI player for the CyberGraphics system.

CyberAVI.lha	gfx/show	20K	1	CyberAVI 1.1, AVI animation player for CyberGraphX
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Here's one worthwhile hardware hack:

Syncdoubler.lha	hard/hack	273K	1	Show 15khz on VGA Monitor, no Patch
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If you ever wanted to juggle 9 balls, this program shows you how :) Also, a new version of ShapeShifter is out.

jongl.lha	misc/edu	297K	2	3D-Jonglier-Simulation (juggling simul.)
ShapeShifter.lha	misc/emu	224K	5	Macintosh II emulator, V3.5

And here we have a new .MID file player:

SamX1_2.lha	mus/midi	574K	3	MIDI Sample Player for the Amiga computer
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Next, we have some EPS structured clip art. Here's just one of the of the archives, see pix/eps for more.

animals.lha	pix/eps	889K	4	Various EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) files of a a
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And here's a selection of useful tools among the many on this CD.

PictDT43.lha	util/dtype	182K	4	Picture.datatype V43.714 for AGA/CGraphX
afind.lha	util/misc	63K	1	Fast AminetCD search utility V1.36
Installer_43_3.lha	util/misc	104K	4	Amiga Technologies V43.3 Installer dev. package
CorrectName.lha	util/shell	5K	5	Get the right spelling of a file/dir.
wbstars.lha	util/wb	30K	3	V.9 the warp engine for the Workbench

As always, enjoy!

## 1.23 Music software from Aminet

Music software on Aminet

Apart from the usual new software and the integrated material, this CD also contains all the Amiga music software that is now on Aminet. This should help you create, edit and convert music wherever needed. The categories are:

mus/edit	Composing software
mus/midi	MIDI software
mus/misc	Miscellaneous
mus/play	Sound players

## 1.24 New features

New features of this CD

- A special animations index, sorted by chipset and quality
- PicZoo handles non-default screen modes better now, try it again
- bugfix: Some references of files on Aminet CD 9 in Aminet\_Dir were faulty

## 1.25 Access software

Workbench

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Browsing:

The first thing you will want to do is browse the contents of the CD. The best way to get a quick overview is having a look at the overview in this document; the very first links. Another method is to check the file Lists/New\_Dir (if you already have the previous Aminet CD) or Lists/Index\_Dir.

Wherever you see a list of files with descriptions, you can click to archive name to start an unpack tool. You will be asked for a destination directory (the default can be chosen in 'Prefs'). After you hit return, the archive gets unpacked to where you selected. For some types of files, you can click a middle button (called 'Start' or 'Play') to view look at the archive contents directly. Some index files play directly without asking (e.g. the Modules and the Games index).

In all index files you can view the .readme file for an archive by clicking the description.

Searching:

After you've become familiar with the contents of the CD, you will often want to search for a specific keyword in the contents of the CD. Just double click the 'Find' icon on the top level of the CD, enter the case insensitive sub string or pattern you want to look

for, and you will be presented with a list of files that match your sub string anywhere on their line. You can also search the New\_\* and Index\_\* files in Lists by clicking them first and then shift-doubleclicking 'Find'. The resulting document will be of the 'View' type for the toplevel Find program and of the 'Extract' type for all other Find programs. The NewFind and AminetFind search the the list of new files and the list of all Aminet files.

If you drag any of the FindKit drawer in Tools/ anywhere onto your hard disk, you can do searches without having the CD in your drive.

Using the FullFind program in the Tools directory, you can find any word in any readme of this CD. If your word is a prefix of a word in a readme, it will match. To prevent that, append a \$ to your search word. You can enter several search words, separated by blanks, to see only the documents which contain all of them.

See also the documentation for the tools in question: Inspect , Find , FullFind and Prefs .

#### CLI/Shell

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Using a shell is not the recommended way to access this CD. However you sometimes have no choice, e.g. when working under UNIX or MSDOS.

To get familiar with the contents of the CD, I recommend having a look at the file Aminet/INDEX which contains a complete list of all files on the CD in plain ASCII. More ASCII index files found in Lists/, they end in .doc. If you find a file you are interested in, for example, docs/mags/cd32bits-0694.lha , then execute the following commands:

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cd Aminet/docs/mags
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lha e cd32bits-0694.lha ram:
```

to unpack the contents of that archive to RAM. If you don't have the archiver LhA yet, you can obtain it from the Tools/ directory on the CD.

To locate all files that contain foo anywhere in their file name, directory name or description, execute the command

```
search NONUM Aminet/INDEX foo
```

or just use the Aminet find tool:

```
find foo
```

which will output an AmigaGuide document and display it. If you want to find the files on any Aminet CD, use:

```
find IN Aminet foo
```

For further information read the documents on Find, FullFind and Inspect in Tools/Docs/.

#### Useful stuff

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There is a very limited number of unpacked utilities on this CD in the Tools/Useful directory. They are all related to accessing the files on

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this CD, and you should think about installing them on your HD.

- AmiCDROM is an excellent CD-ROM file system. In the improbable case that your CD filesystem has problems with the Aminet CD, just use this one.
- ARCHandler lets you access the Aminet CD (or any other file system) as if all the lha files on it were directories, ie you don't need to unpack anything. Great stuff.
- Degradar can disable all the advanced features of accelerated Amigas, getting many hardware-bashing demos and games to run.
- ToolAlias can map one default tool name to another. This is useful if you can't change the default tool of a file but want to use a different viewer.
- TrashMaster creates an App-Icon on your Workbench where you can drag icons to delete them. Handy to clean up after an archive has been extracted to RAM:.

## 1.26 Customizing Aminet CD

### Customizing Aminet CD

As you know all too well, CDs cannot be written to. This CD, however, gives you a limited possibility to shape it according to your taste. There are two possibilities, select the links for documentation:

The

Personal

index in the Guides drawer is an Aminet CD index like all the others, with viewing and readme displaying capabilities. The only difference is that you decide what's listed in it and what not.

Clones

are tiny files that pretend to be one of the items on the Aminet CD. You can create, rename and arrange them as you like, and you can put them in WBStartup or ToolManager docks. Of course you need the CD in the drive when you want to use clones.

## 1.27 Your personal Aminet CD index

### Your personal Aminet CD index

In the Guides directory you find, among various static index files an index called 'Personal'. In the beginning it's empty. If you click 'add', you are asked for a search pattern. You can click any of the shown items to to add them to your personal Aminet index. However you need to close your Personal index and open it again in order to make the changes visible.

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If you press the 'sort' button, the index will be sorted by directory and subsorted by file name. Duplicate lines will be eliminated. Again, you have to close and reopen the index.

With the 'edit' button, finally, you can make any changes to your personal index using your favourite editor. `setenv EDITOR <your-editor>` to determine the editor. Always use line operation (like deleting lines, inserting lines from Aminet/INDEX or reordering lines). Again, you need to reload the index to make the changes visible.

The index looks as if it were stored on the CD. This is not the case, of course. The contents are stored in the file `S:Aminet-PersonalX`, where `X` is the number of your CD. You can edit or delete it there.

Apart from that, the Personal index behaves like any immediate view index; ie if you click a mod in the Personal index, it will play immediately.

So have a look at your personal index.

## 1.28 Clones

### Clones

There's a few things that you cannot do in a normal Aminet CD index. For example you cannot put an item from the Aminet CD index in a ToolManager dock or a Directory Opus gadget. That's what clones were created for.

Clones pretend to be the Aminet file you created them from. You can move them around, arrange them and delete them as you like. Clones can be started from CLI or from the Workbench, where they have an icon that reflects their type. Starting a clone is equivalent to clicking the according archive name in the Aminet CD index, except for the fact that the action (playing, game or demo starting) will be performed without asking for confirmation. Of course you need to have the Aminet CD in the CD-ROM drive when you start a cloned program.

To create a clone, start the Cloner program. It asks you for a pattern and displays the files matching that pattern. You then click the item you would like to see cloned, maybe change the destination path in the upcoming requester, and hit 'Create' to confirm. Each clone takes about 3K of disk space.

## 1.29 Some common problems with the Aminet CD

Why are all file names upper case?

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For this CD, we have chosen to stick to the ISO CDROM standard. This means that the CD can be read on any system, but it also means that all files names are upper case. However, we also used RockRidge extensions, so file systems that understand them can still use mixed case. The AmiCDROM file system provided in the Tools/Useful

directory will give you mixed case on the Aminet CD.

Why can't I read some of the files with the Commodore CD file system?

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Because it's buggy. The solution is the same as before: Install the AmiCDROM file system. It's works very nicely.

Why do I have problems with by Xetec file system?

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It seems to have problems with our choice of CD formats. However version 2.0 was reported to work fine. If not, again, again: Install the AmiCDROM file system found on this CD.

Nothing happens when I try to show that image/play that mod!

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The Aminet extraction software tries to be smart how every pic is shown or mod is played. However sometimes it fails. In those cases you can simply extract the archive and look at it by yourself. Also, you might be running out of memory, see below.

I'm running out of memory!

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Viewing an image or playing a mod by clicking it in the index takes quite a lot of memory, since the index as well was the extraction program stay in memory while the picture is viewed. Solutions:

- Set your extraction directory to something different from RAM:, e.g. an (existing) directory on your HD. This can be done using the 'Prefs' program.
- Don't view the files directly from the index. Click on 'extract' first, then close the index, and open the directory your file was extracted to.

Of course combining the two saves the most.

I want to mount this CD on my BBS

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We have Files.BBS index files in every directory, so some BBS programs can use the CD directly. Others understand our .readme format already. For MS-DOS BBSes use the index called FILES.MSD. If you would like to copy the files onto HD, you can use the file Aminet/info/adt/TRANSL.TBL (which shows origname and CD-name for each file) to restore the original file names. If you write any additional software or need indices in a different format, please contact me.

I cannot use this CD with my CD32!

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This is due to a bug in the CD32 CDROM file system and occurs when you boot off the Network CD or something similar. You can circumvent this bug by mounting a small RAD: disk (about 49 tracks), copy the most important files from a Workbench CD there (c, libs, envarc) and boot off the RAD:. That should get the Aminet CD (and some other interesting

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CDs) to work.

## 1.30 What is Aminet?

What is Aminet?  
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Aminet is a library where software authors can place their freely distributable programs for others to download. The backbone of Aminet consists of about 20 computers all over the world that are linked to Internet, a computer network that connects most universities and many businesses in the world. Many other places, such as 50 BBSes, keep frequently updated copies of Aminet.

Aminet is moderated. Whatever gets uploaded has to be approved before it is made available to the public. However there is no censorship; the only conditions for inclusion in the library are that every file uploaded has a description file in the correct format, and the archive itself is okay and virus free.

What is unique about Aminet is that large amounts of data are made available to a wide audience within a very short time. If a programmer uploads his latest release to Aminet, he can expect that it will have been downloaded and tested by one thousand people within a week. If he finds a bug in his program, he can distribute an update to the whole world within twenty four hours. In that respect, freely distributable software works far better than commercial software.

You may want to read about the recent , older and ancient history of Aminet, or find out where to  
access  
Aminet in your area.

## 1.31 Getting access to Aminet

Where do I access Aminet?  
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If you would like to get updated more often than is possible with a quarterly CDROM, you have several possibilities. By far the best way is getting yourself connected to the Internet. Several commercial networks allow access to the Internet. Some of them are (this is not an endorsement, just an information):

USA	Netcom	Voice 1.408.554.UNIX	
	Portal	Voice 1.408.973.9111	Modem 1.408.973.8091
GERMANY	EUnet	Voice +49.231.972.00	Fax +49.231.972.1111
SWITZERLAND	EUnet	Voice +41.1.291.45.80	Fax +41.1.291.46.42

Once you have gotten Internet access you can use the following methods to access the latest Aminet files:

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- Mirrors. The normal way to access Aminet is by FTP, which comes with UNIX (program name is ftp). You can use any of the below sites. Most keep only recent files, but ftp.wustl.edu, ftp.cdrom.com, ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk and ftp.luth.se are complete.

Location	Name	IP Address	Path	Files
USA (MO)	ftp.wustl.edu	128.252.135.4	pub/aminet/	ALL
USA (WI)	ftp.netnet.net	198.70.64.21	pub/aminet/	ALL
USA (AZ)	ftp.ninemoons.com	165.247.33.6	pub/aminet/	ALL
Australia	ftp.livewire.com.au	203.16.26.3	pub/aminet/	ALL
Australia	ftp.tas.gov.au	147.109.237.5	pub/aminet/	20000
Italy	ftp.unina.it	192.132.34.17	pub/aminet/	ALL
Scandinavia	ftp.luth.se	130.240.18.2	pub/aminet/	25000
Switzerland	ftp.eunet.ch	146.228.10.16	pub/aminet/	22000
Germany	kelly.uni-paderborn.de	131.234.128.206	pub/aminet/	ALL
Germany	ftp.uni-paderborn.de	131.234.2.42	pub/aminet/	ALL
Germany	ftp.uni-erlangen.de	131.188.3.2	pub/aminet/	22000
Germany	ftp.uni-stuttgart.de	129.69.18.15	cd aminet	15000
Germany	ftp.uni-siegen.de	141.99.128.1	pub/aminet/	7500
Germany	ftp.cs.tu-berlin.de	130.149.17.7	pub/aminet/	6000
Germany	ftp.uni-trier.de	136.199.8.81	pub/aminet/	4500
Germany	ftp.tu-chemnitz.de	192.108.33.193	pub/aminet/	4000
Germany	ftp.fh-augsburg.de	141.82.16.242	pub/aminet/	3000
Germany	ftp.uni-oldenburg.de	134.106.40.9	pub/aminet/	2500
Germany	ftp.uni-bremen.de	134.102.228.2	pub/aminet/	2000
Germany	ftp.uni-kl.de	131.246.9.95	pub/aminet/	1500
Germany	ftp.rz.uni-wuerzburg.de	132.187.1.2	pub/aminet/	700
Austria	ftp.giga.or.at	131.130.12.58	pub/aminet/	500
France	ftp.grolier.fr	194.51.174.67	pub/aminet/	ALL
France	sunsite.cnam.fr	163.173.129.5	pub/aminet/	8000
Denmark	sunsite.auc.dk	130.225.51.30	cd aminet	2000
UK	sunsite.doc.ic.ac.uk	155.198.1.40	pub/aminet/	ALL
UK	micros.hensa.ac.uk	148.88.8.84	pub/aminet/	8500
Portugal	ftp.ua.pt	193.136.80.68	pub/aminet/	9000
Spain	ftp.gui.uva.es	157.88.36.190	pub/aminet/	1000

- ADT. This is a front end for FTP that allows easy access to Aminet. Get it from misc/unix/ and compile it on your UNIX box.
- FSP. Aminet Files can be downloaded from the FSP site ftp.luth.se at port 6969 and from disun3.epfl.ch port 9999. ftp.wustl.edu and ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk have FSP on port 21, but can't be reached from everywhere (just try). Uploads are accepted at wustl and luth.
- Telnet. ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk strikes again. You can telnet to 146.169.2.1 and log in as 'sources', which gives you a UNIX account where you can download the files on src using commands like 'sz' and 'kermit', or just browse around.
- NFS. The only Aminet site that allows NFS mounting of the archives is ftp.wustl.edu. FTP there and read the details in /README.NFS
- IRC. On Internet Relay Chat, you can talk to various server robots like Mama, LitBot and MerBot, to do queries and retrievals. Find out more about them using '/msg mama help', for example.

- Finger. To find out what's been uploaded to Aminet within the last week, enter 'finger aminet@ftp.etsu.edu'.
- Gopher. Gopher is specially supported by several Aminet sites. Just type 'gopher <sitename>' or 'gopher -p <startpoint> <sitename>'.
 

USA (MO)	ftp.wustl.edu	1/pub/aminet/info/goph
USA (TX)	ftp.etsu.edu	1/AmigaArchives/Aminet
SWITZERLAND	ftp.eunet.ch	1/pub/aminet/info/goph
GERMANY	ftp.uni-paderborn.de	1/Service/FTP/Direct/ftp-server/aminet
UK	ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk	1/pub/aminet/info/goph

If you don't have full internet access, you can try one of the following methods to get access:

- Mailserver. The Aminet site src.doc.ic.ac.uk has an email server that sends out uuencoded binaries. Send a message with HELP in the body to ftpmail@doc.ic.ac.uk. You can also use ftpmail@decwrl.dec.com to retrieve files from any Aminet site, but please use an American one to save bandwidth. Send HELP there for information, too. Germans try ftpmail@uni-paderborn.de .  
Searching the aminet index for a file name, or uploading can be done at aminet-server@wuarchive.wustl.edu (as usual, send HELP there for information).  
Also, the RECENT and CHARTS files are available from an automatic e-mail server. Send mail to announce@cs.ucdavis.edu with the single word "help" (no quotes) in the body to find out how to use the server.
- Modem. The following BBSes carry up-to-date Aminet files. Most have more phone numbers than we can mention here, call to see a list of the others. List sorted by phone number. (Please notify me of Aminet BBSes that are not on the list)

Country	Name	FIDO	Phone	ISDN
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USA (MS)	The Gateway	1:3604/60	(+1)601 374 2697	
USA (CA)	Heavy Metal	1:202/1112	(+1)619 232 4919	
USA (NC)	The C: Dir		(+1)919 787 6211	
Canada	RCN Networks		(+1)418 653 3099	
Canada	TunnelVisio	1:153/910	(+1)604 535 9826	
Canada	MidnightMag		(+1)905 796 2931	
France	Ramses	2:320/104	(+33)1 45845623	
Italy	Glass Globe	2:332/118	(+39)577 959054	
Italy	SpeedOfLife	2:335/533	(+39)931 833773	
Switzerland	Amiga Micro	2:301/819	(+41)1 3001008	(+41)1 3001009
Switzerland	Helvetica	2:301/723	(+41)1 3130879	(+41)1 3101016
Switzerland	Dolphins		(+41)1 8450936	(+41)1 8846028
Switzerland	AmiCall	2:301/722	(+41)1 9804297	
Switzerland	Turicum		(+41)1 9918501	(+41)1 9918503
Switzerland	Dive-Inn	2:301/325	(+41)22 7518103	(+41)22 7518105
Switzerland	Alphanet		(+41)38 414081	
Switzerland	LogicPalace	2:301/706	(+41)31 7320051	(+41)31 7320044
Switzerland	LINKSys		(+41)61 3215643	(+41)61 3832007
Switzerland	AUGS BBS		(+41)62 7945041	(+41)62 7945049
Austria	Amiga World	2:310/72	(+43)1 5044269	(+43)1 5047701
Denmark	Scala BBS	2:230/418	(+45)44680300	(+45)44861540

Sweden	TSDF		(+46) 90 199004	
Germany	Surprise		(+49) 201 329761	(+49) 201 8315005
Germany	Art-Line		(+49) 202 596003	(+49) 202 2546013
Germany	T.O.M.		(+49) 202 595267	
Germany	Pleasure		(+49) 203 431366	
Germany	SMachine		(+49) 203 4061447	(+49) 203 9940127
Germany	Grisubox		(+49) 2065 24447	
Germany	Karma Designs		(+49) 208 670722	(+49) 208 628951
Germany	Golden Gate		(+49) 2041 262769	
Germany	Future Line		(+49) 2041 686829	
Germany	Blue Moon		(+49) 2065 66407	
Germany	Waldspecht		(+49) 208 202509	(+49) 208 851334
Germany	TrkPool		(+49) 208 808640	
Germany	Delvinor		(+49) 2131 549457	(+49) 2131 951253
Germany	Newswire		(+49) 2154 5011	
Germany	Debuwi		(+49) 2236 83233	
Germany	Candys		---	(+49) 221 462138
Germany	Darkness		(+49) 2273 1096	(+49) 2273 910062
Germany	X-RAY		(+49) 228 455893	
Germany	CBonn		(+49) 228 666588	
Germany	SID		(+49) 231 448496	
Germany	Blanker		(+49) 231 815739	(+49) 231 9812094
Germany	Fantasie		(+49) 2381 675700	
Germany	Stingray		(+49) 2385 6542	(+49) 2385 910031
Germany	ASBM		(+49) 251 791650	
Germany	Circus		(+49) 281 24001	
Germany	AMBO		(+49) 30 3739293	(+49) 30 37401021
Germany	TERM		(+49) 30 4537288	(+49) 30 45470171
Germany	Quick		(+49) 40 5479638	
Germany	ITHH		(+49) 40 6064098	(+49) 40 60680341
Germany	DOOM		(+49) 4223 8355	(+49) 4223 95004
Germany	Flight		(+49) 4442 72138	(+49) 4442 920362
Germany	Nexus-I		(+49) 5242 42065	
Germany	Black-Z		(+49) 6142 46278	(+49) 6142 924080
Germany	TecMania		(+49) 6157 910124	(+49) 6157 990421
Germany	48'er	2:2468/6020	(+49) 6203 180293	
Germany	WestCoast	2:2468/9718.0	(+49) 6221 761304	
Germany	RudisBox		(+49) 6253 86677	(+49) 6253 972100
Germany	HIT		(+49) 681 399426	(+49) 681 372552
Germany	Groenland		(+49) 6824 8444	
Germany	Titan		(+49) 6826 800391	
Germany	***elOutside		(+49) 6838 84739	
Germany	BrainWave	2:246/2006.0	(+49) 7071 78729	(+49) 7071 971213
Germany	DALLAS-BBS		(+49) 711 588146	(+49) 711 5719063
Germany	Amiga Univ.	2:246/1416.0	(+49) 7195 920677	(+49) 7195 940130
Germany	Amiga Inside	2:2476/539.0	(+49) 721 841292	
Germany	Uplink	2:246/2320	(+49) 751 96217	
Germany	Fairytales	2:246/2300	(+49) 7541 24362	(+49) 7541 930232
Germany	Melting Point	2:2476/825	(+49) 7663 50103	(+49) 7663 912013
Germany	Predator	2:2490/1140	(+49) 9131 14439	
Germany	LSD		(+49) 9133 9591	
Germany	Turtle	2:2490/1092	(+49) 911 3241044	(+49) 911 3241055
Germany	Lizard		(+49) 911 476948	
Germany	Incubus		(+49) 931 781464	(+49) 931 7900200
Australia	Continental		(+61) 2949 4256	
Australia	1990 Multi	3:690/758.0	(+61) 9370 3333	

- Anonymous UUCP. In Germany, you can access the Aminet files at the phone numbers of Brainwave BBS (see above) using the following entry. Download the file "Aminet:INFO" for more information.  
anarchy Any SER 38400 ATD<Phone> BBS. ..\c ogin: uanon sword: uanon
- FIDO. If you want to file-request Aminet files, you can do so by requesting the file INFO from 2:246/2006.0. The BBSes which have a FIDO node number mentioned above allow file requests.
- Mailing lists. If you want to get the list of new uploads mailed every week, send a mail with 'SUBSCRIBE aminet-weekly foo@bar.edu' in the body to listserv@wunet.wustl.edu or if you want daily updates, just use 'SUBSCRIBE aminet-daily' instead. Replace foo@bar.edu with your email address, of course. Keep the welcome mail in case you forget how to unsubscribe...
- Usenet. A list of recent uploads is posted every week to the newsgroups comp.sys.amiga.misc and de.comp.sys.amiga.archive.
- EZINFO. This is an internet BBS in Switzerland. Here you can download by Kermit or ZMODEM, but you need to be verified to become user. Modem dial 01 251 20 02, then type 'call b050' to connect to EZINFO. Also try telnet kometh.ethz.ch and 'call b050' from internet.
- Aminet-on-disk. You can order single Aminet files (3 DM per disk) or per-directory subscriptions (2 DM per disk) from Martin Schulze, Parkstr. 14, 66806 Ensdorf, Germany. Phone: ++49 (0) 6831 506171, email masc@coli.uni-sb.de . Other media like opticals or DAT's are available, too. Send 3 DM in stamps or \$2 to get an index disk with instructions.

## 1.32 Sending software to Aminet

How do I submit something to Aminet?

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If you are an author of freely distributable software, you may be interested to get your software onto Aminet. Aminet gets your software to a lot of people very quickly, and is free of charge for most of its users.

If you would like to get your piece of freely distributable software onto Aminet and you don't have access to the Internet, you can check the BBSes listed

here

if they forward uploads to Aminet. The aminet-server@wuarchive.wustl.edu accepts uploads by email, send HELP there for instructions. If all fails, you can still send a diskette (that will not be sent back, sorry) with your upload to Martin Schulze, whose address you find in the access list as well.

Be sure to read the upload instructions very carefully. Faulty submissions are in danger of being deleted.

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### 1.33 Ordering subsequent CD's

Order information

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A new Aminet CD appears every two months. You can expect about 500M of new software on every CD, plus the currently most popular files, plus enough files from other sources to fill up the CD to its limit. Check this

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of available CDs. You can order subscriptions or single CDs from the following companies:

Company	Offerings	
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- Germany/Europe		
Stefan Ossowski's	Aminet CDs	DM 25
Schatztruhe GmbH	subscriptions	DM 19.80 per CD
Veronikastr. 33		
D-45131 Essen	Aminet Sets (4 CDs)	DM 59
Germany		
	Shipping national prepaid	DM 5
Phone +49-201-788778	cash on delivery	DM 8
Fax +49-201-798447	Shipping Europe prepaid	DM 8
	Shipping overseas prepaid	DM 15
stefano@tchest.e.eunet.de		

All major credit cards accepted, they count as prepaid. Send cash as check or in a registered letter. Subscriptions don't include shipping. For money transfers use:

Deutsche Bank Essen, Bank ID 36070050, Account number 257901900

- Germany/Europe/Worldwide for dealers:

GTI GmbH  
 Carl-Zeiss-Str. 9  
 79761 Waldshut-Tienhen  
 Germany

Phone +49-7741-83040  
 Fax +49-7741-830438

100336.1245@compuserve.com

- USA/Canada

CRONUS	Aminet CDs	\$ 19.95
1840 East Warner Road #105-265	subscriptions (4 CDs)	~\$59.95



Payment by cheque, giro, postal money order or cash.

Have a look at the  
older Aminet CDs  
, too.

## 1.34 The disclaimer

Disclaimer

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All files on Aminet have been virus checked. However, new viruses that were unknown at the time the CD was made could still have slipped through, so we cannot make any warranties. Thus you should run a virus checker on all programs extracted from the CD to be absolutely safe.

Note that, although you have paid for the CD, you don't own all the programs in it. Some of them are distributed as Shareware, which means that you have to pay for its registration if you use it regularly. Please support the concept of shareware; if a program is worth using, it's also worth paying for.

You're getting the FD software on this CD is free of charge. The price of the CD just pays for the collecting and presenting it, and for the pressing of the CD.

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