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# Chapter 1

## AminetGuide

### 1.1 Welcome to Aminet CD 9

WELCOME TO AMINET CD 9  
Deutsch

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Copyright 1995  
Urban Müller  
As on every CD (check our  
subscriptions  
) , we have loads of new material  
for you. The (uncompressed) contents are:

500M of  
new stuff  
out since the making of Aminet CD 8

290M of  
very new stuff  
out since the making of Aminet Set 2

340M of games from various sources, most from Aminet

200M of top downloads used to complete the charts

5M of  
commercial games  
which are not not freely distributable

For the following types of data we have special guides:

Mods	All modules sorted by style and rating
Demos	An index of compatible demos, sorted by quality
Pictures	A database with scaled down versions of the images

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

What is Aminet  
Information about our distributed archive

Accessing Aminet  
How to download directly from Aminet

Submitting  
How to get your software onto Aminet. Free CDs!

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:

Martin Schulze - for getting me the Aminet data for this CD and doing a few great last-minute-jobs  
Matthias Scheler - for co-moderating Aminet.  
Lars Eilebrecht - for beta-testing.

Yours truly....

Urban Müller

## 1.3 Subscriptions

### Subscriptions

If would 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 Amiga Library Services in the USA, the subscription price is \$89.95 for six issues, which means about \$15 per issue instead of about \$20. The price does not include shipping (\$4 anywhere worldwide).

The address is:

Amiga Library Services  
610 North Alma School Road  
Suite 18

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Chandler, AZ 85224-3687  
U.S.A.

Voice/Fax +1-602-491-0442

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

## 1.4 Previous Aminet CD's

### Previous Aminet CDs

As you may know, the Aminet archive has much more material than fits on a single CD. If you want more, check the following older CDs, if you want all of Aminet, you need all the CDs listed below.

- Aminet CD 8
  - The newest, the best, and 2000 mods (Oct 1995)
- Aminet CD 7
  - The newest, the best, and 9000 pictures (Aug 1995)
- Aminet CD 6
  - The newest, the best, and 1800 demos (Jun 1995)
- Aminet Set 1
  - The complete Aminet on a newly made 4 CD set (Jan 1995)
- Aminet Set 2
  - The complete new Aminet on 4 more CDs (Nov 1995)

## 1.5 Aminet CD 8

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

Aminet CD 7 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.

- Order info
- Index

## 1.6 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.

- Order info
- Index

## 1.7 Aminet CD 6

Aminet CD 6 - The newest, the best, and all the games

Aminet CD 6 contains over 1 gigabyte of freely distributable software. The newest file included is dated Apr 28th. The space is used as follows (uncompressed sizes):

- 520M of software newer than Aminet CD 5
- 500M of demos
- 20M of top downloads

These consist of:

- 1800 demos
- 1300 tools
- 350 mods
- 140 pics
- 120 games

The demos were collected from various sources besides Aminet, and almost none of them have appeared on previous Aminet CDs.

The disks also contains all Amiga Report magazines issued so far.

Aminet CD 6 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

- Order info

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## 1.8 Aminet CD 5

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

The software on Aminet CD 5 can be divided in four parts:

210M of stuff that's newer than Aminet Set 1

450M of stuff that's newer than Aminet CD 4 (includes the above)

180M of games that can be run directly off the CD

20M of the most popular software

Mainly, Aminet CD 5 contains the software uploaded between 8-Oct-94 and 8-Feb-95, that's a total of 2600 archives. In addition, you get all the 1000 games we have on Aminet. Aminet 5 was made after Aminet Set 1, so if you want \*all\* of the Aminet data, you need Aminet Set 1 + Aminet CDs 5 and up.

Aminet CD 5 costs US \$19.95 or DM 25.

Order info

Note: Sold out at most companies.

## 1.9 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.

Order info

Index (huge!)

## 1.10 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 \$39.95 or DM 59.

Order info

Index (huge!)

## 1.11 New stuff since Aminet CD 8

New stuff since Aminet CD 8

Sorry, there is no special index of the new stuff since Aminet CD 8 since almost everything except for the games is newer than that CD. Just check the normal Index . You can recognize the something is newer than Aminet 8 if you see an age entry of 9 or less.

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## 1.12 The new uploads to Aminet since Set 2

New uploads to Aminet since Set 2

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 our list of  
   recommendations  
   of the most interesting new  
 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.

## 1.13 Recommended new uploads

These are the recommended new uploads of Aminet CD 9, once more selected by Martin Schulze. Games, demos or mods are not listed here because there exist separate best-of lists for them.

Adresses, appointments, CDs: All easy to administer using freely distributable Amiga programs.

CDproV3_0.lha	biz/dbase	109K	2+Best management for CDs, smallish Share
db2_9.lha	biz/dbase	243K	5+Database program w OS3.0 look, user def.
DFA_26.lha	biz/dbase	798K	1+DFA v2.6 - the definite address database

Commercial Demos:

blitzbasic21.lha	biz/demo	680K	2+Blitz Basic 2.1 Demo version
DigitalImageD.lha	biz/demo	202K	2+DigitalImage, Image manipulation, Demo.
TurboCalc35Dem.lha	biz/demo	383K	2+Demo of TurboCalc3.5 (Final, 13-Oct-95)

The latest SAS-C-Patch

sc656pch.lha	biz/patch	191K	2+SAS/C 6.56 Patch (requires 6.55)
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Communications everywhere

DCDD_v2_4.lha	comm/misc	56K	8+Direct Connect Demon Dialer Ver 2.4 Arex
Easylink1_12.lha	comm/misc	170K	2+Connect Amiga-PC parallel
VMB1_11.lha	comm/misc	470K	8+VMB V1.11 Voice-Mailbox for ZVT
ALynx.lha	comm/net	277K	15+Textbased WWW browser (AmiTCP/MLink) v1.
AmiPhone0_5B.lha	comm/net	58K	2+AmiTCP based voice chat program
pronet21f.lha	comm/net	106K	1+Amiga Network V2.1, FULL DIST!
AmiTCPdemo_40.lha	comm/tcp	738K	42+TCP/IP protocol stack

Some wonderful stuff for programmers

MegaDemol.lha	dev/amos	458K	6+A large multi-part demo written i AMOS
Barfly1_27.lha	dev/asm	574K	1+Barfly Assembler Development System

D68k207.lha	dev/asm	47K	0+D68k v2.0.7, very fast MC68060/881/851 D
PhxAss423.lha	dev/asm	330K	4+PhxAss V4.23 68xxx Macro Assembler
truview.lha	dev/misc	10K	2+614125 colors on AGA (FAST!!)

Everyone needs a good backup-program:

ABackup502.lha	disk/bakup	278K	1+ABackup 5.02
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Connect a cheap ATAPI-CD-Rom-Drive to your Amiga4000

A4KAtapi_Deu.lha	disk/cdrom	130K	0+Packet with cd.device for Atapi CD-Drive
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Franz-Josef strikes again: His latest Audio-CD-Player

jukebox21.lha	disk/cdrom	344K	8+Nice utility to play audio discs (CDDA)
quietscsill.lha	disk/misc	9K	2+Noise saver for SCSI harddrives

AmiFilesafe. A quick and safe new filesystem.

afsdemo159.lha	disk/misc	58K	4+Demo of Ami-FileSafe V2.2 (New filing sy
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Misc. texts, including AmigaReport.

ar317.lha	docs/mags	89K	6+Amiga Report 3.17, September 23, 1995
ar318.lha	docs/mags	86K	3+Amiga Report #3.18, October 9, 1995
ar319.lha	docs/mags	103K	1+Amiga Report #3.19, October 26, 1995
ACDGv13.lha	docs/hyper	84K	0+AmigaGuide to *ALL* Amiga CDROMs! v1.3
AmigaFAQ.lha	docs/misc	473K	1+Amiga: Frequently asked questions 5.07.
Amiga_FAQg.lha	docs/misc	495K	1+Amiga: H ufig gestellte Fragen ( 5.07.95
Mon1438Hack.lha	docs/misc	17K	4+How to Hack monitor drivers to get even
TG15Demo.lha	docs/misc	403K	0+Trek-The Guide v1.5 Complete Trek Databa

Various games. Check the games-index in guides, too.

airTaxi.lha	game/2play	334K	8+AirTaxi demo v1.4 (25mhz, 1m req). Final
Pong.lha	game/2play	7K	9 No frills Pong, 2 players
Skidmarks2.lha	game/actio	551K	9 3D top view racing game demo, great
minerunner17.lha	game/jump	456K	2+Multitasking Loderunner, 1-4 Plys, bugfi
Speed18.lha	game/misc	192K	2+Upto 4-played car racing game
TrainDriver.lha	game/misc	382K	0+Train Driver V1.51 New Curves & Profile
BattleSheep.lha	game/wb	76K	9 Sink ships (paper game)
Hexagons2.lha	game/wb	45K	2+V2.0 of the ultimate hexagonal challenge
MineSweeper.lha	game/wb	34K	6+Nice MineSweeper-Game

The cheapest 24-bit-paint-program.

tpaint.lha	gfx/edit	161K	5+A 24bit painting program for AA-Amigas
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CyberGraphX, hardware independent graphics card driver

CGraphX212u.lha	gfx/board	152K	2+CGraphX gfx extension update 2.12
CyberPrefs4027.lha	gfx/board	20K	7+CyberEnvPrefs 40.27 for CyberGraphX
cybershow54.lha	gfx/board	93K	0+SlideShow&Viewer(incl.PCD)for CybGfx&AGA
cybertvplayer.lha	gfx/board	685K	5+Animation player for CyberGfx&AGA
egsphotoalb54.lha	gfx/board	378K	2+EGS picture management,PhotoCD&SlideShow
egstv54.lha	gfx/board	467K	2+EGS animation,framegrabber&handscanner
Snap_V2_0.lha	util/boot	74K	4+V2.0, CyberGfx. Cut&paste text & gfx any

Connect a cheap PC-keyboard to the parallel port.

pygmy_pckbd.lha	hard/hack	12K	6+Cheap pc keyboard adapter into Parallel
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Amiga emulates anything.

MagiC64N.lha	misc/emu	250K	1+C64 Emulator V1.01 (A1200 Bug fixed)
PC_TaskDemo31.lha	misc/emu	89K	32+PC-Task 3.1 Demo. S'Ware 80286 Emulator
ShapeShift3_2a.lha	misc/emu	240K	6+Macintosh II emulator, V3.2a

Even more textviewers...

Showguide23.lha	text/hyper	10K	2+AmigaGuide-Viewer with XPK-Support
SmoothGuide.lha	text/hyper	71K	0+Smooth AmigaGuide Reader for all Amigas.
ZMoreV0_20.lha	text/show	15K	2+Ascii-textviewer OS2.x V0.20

Tools that make life easier.

Filer3_24.lha	util/dir	216K	1+Directory Utility for OS 2.04+
DoIcon17.lha	util/cli	115K	1+The definitive icon tool!

Something for the pure shell-user

csh548.lha	util/shell	197K	7+C-Shell (csh) 5.48, CLI replacement
ZShell128.lha	util/shell	147K	7+CLI with REAL pipes and TAB-FNCompletion

Kill all your viruses.

VChk718.lha	util/virus	146K	5+Version 7.18 of Virus_Checker. Amiga Vir
VT_277.lha	util/virus	749K	4+V2.77 of the famous Viruskiller by H.Sch

Multimedia includes the remote control

irmaster333.lha	util/misc	518K	6+Amiga as an infrared remote control
lcontrol153.lha	util/misc	168K	6+Control cameras (LANC/5-Pin-EDIT) w/ Ami

## 1.14 Commercial games on this CD

Commercial games on Aminet CD 9

The following games are not freely distributable. They are taken with permission from the very nice Gamers Delight 2 CD, which includes 70 commercial games plus 1000 older Aminet games.

Just click to start them directly off this CD.

Jumpman	The good ole jump'n'run
AlienHunter	Catch the evil aliens
Rescue	Rescue your men with your heli
Fireball	Guide the ball through a dangerous maze
Rolling	Think quick and sort the balls

## 1.15 New features

New features of this CD

- 350 more modules (from the charts) now have descriptions.
- 200 games integrated into Aminet.
- Again, minor bug fixes

## 1.16 Access software

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## 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:

```
cd Aminet/docs/mags
```

```
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 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:.

## 1.17 Customizing Aminet CD

Customizing Aminet CD

As you know all too well, CDs cannot be written to. This CD, however, gives

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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.

## 1.18 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.

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.

## 1.19 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

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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.

## 1.20 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 file 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:

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- 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 CDs) to work.

## 1.21 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.

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

## 1.22 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:

- 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	198.70.64.3	pub/aminet/	ALL
Australia	ftp.livewire.com.au	203.16.26.3	pub/aminet/	ALL
Scandinavia	ftp.luth.se	130.240.18.2	pub/aminet/	ALL
Switzerland	ftp.eunet.ch	146.228.10.16	pub/aminet/	ALL
Switzerland	ftp.math.ethz.ch	129.132.104.6	pub/aminet/	1000
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/	7000
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.uni-stuttgart.de	129.69.18.15	cd aminet	4000
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.uni-siegen.de	141.99.128.1	pub/aminet/	1500
Germany	ftp.rz.uni-wuerzburg.de	132.187.1.2	pub/aminet/	700
France	ftp.cnam.fr	163.173.128.15	pub/aminet/	8000
Portugal	ftp.ua.pt	193.136.80.6	pub/aminet/	2000
UK	ftp.doc.ic.ac.uk	155.198.1.40	pub/aminet/	ALL
UK	micros.hensa.ac.uk	148.88.8.84	pub/aminet/	8500

- 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 445041	(+41) 62 445041
Austria	Amiga World	2:310/72	(+43) 1 5044269	(+43) 1 5047701
Denmark	Scala BBS	2:230/418	(+45) 44680300	(+45) 44861540
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	
Germany	Future Line		(+49) 2041 686829	
Germany	Blue Moon		(+49) 2065 66407	
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	MultiCom		(+49) 5321 45440	(+49) 5321 305373
Germany	Black-Z		(+49) 6142 46278	(+49) 6142 924080
Germany	SLTO		(+49) 615 264898	
Germany	TecMania		(+49) 6157 87427	(+49) 6157 910121
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 Inside2	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.

## 1.23 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. And, while this policy lasts, you can order a free Aminet CD by email! Send HELP to aminet-server@wuarchive.wustl.edu for more information.

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.

## 1.24 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. 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 Set 1 (4 CDs)	DM 59
Germany		
	Shipping national prepaid	DM 4
Phone +49-201-788778	cash on delivery	DM 8
Fax +49-201-798447	Shipping Europe prepaid	DM 8
	cash on delivery	DM 25
stefano@tchest.e.eunet.de	Shipping overseas prepaid	DM 15

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

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## - Germany/Europe/Worldwide for dealers:

GTI GmbH  
 Zimmersmühlenweg 73  
 D-61440 Oberursel  
 Germany

Phone +49-6171-85934  
 Fax +49-6171-8302

100336.1245@compuserve.com

## - USA/Canada

Amiga Library Services	Aminet CDs	\$ 19.95
610 North Alma School Road	subscriptions (6 CDs)	\$~89.95
Suite 18	Aminet Set 1 (4 CDs)	\$ 39.95
Chandler, AZ 85224-3687		
U.S.A.	Shipping anywhere	\$ 3.95
	Federal Express (USA)	\$ 12.95

Voice/Fax +1-602-491-0442

Pay via cash, check, money order or credit card (VISA, MasterCard).  
 Checks/money orders payable to 'Amiga Library Services' and in US \$.  
 Credit card orders must include card number, expiration date, and  
 full name on card. Subscriptions don't include shipping. Dealer  
 inquiries welcome.

## - Denmark

Fribert Consult, v. Kenneth Fribert		
C. T. Barfoeds Vej 2, 3. tv	Aminet CDs	Kr. 120.25
DK-2000 FRB	subscriptions	Kr. 108.25 per CD
Denmark	Aminet Set	Kr. call
PostGiro: 0 89 79 73	Shipping (prepay)	Kr. 20.-
Phone:+45 31 87 98 64	Shipping (Cash on delivery)	Kr. 52.-
Fax: +45 31 87 98 36		
SE: 16 41 74 75		
Internet: kfribert@scala.ping.dk		
Fido: 2:235/317.0		

Orders can be paid via cheque, Giro, postal money order or cash.

## - Italy

C.A.T.M.U. s.n.c.	(DICE italian dealer)	
Via G. Di Vittorio, 22	Aminet CDs	34900 Lit.
10023 Chieri (TO)	subscriptions (4 CDs)	115000 Lit.
ITALY	Aminet Set	call

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Tel: ++39-11-941.52.37 pre-paid 5500 Lit.  
fer@inrete.alpcom.it on delivery 15000 Lit.

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intestato a: C.A.T.M.U. di Zamuner Giorgio & C. s.n.c.

- Worldwide

You can order the Aminet CD from any bookstore worldwide. Please state the appropriate ISBN numbers with your order:

Aminet Set 1	ISBN 3-86084-253-6
Aminet CD 5	ISBN 3-86084-256-0

Prices may vary, ask your local dealer for more information.

Have a look at the  
older Aminet CDs  
, too.

## 1.25 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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