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### "Why is Digi-Paint 3 better than DeluxePaint III™?"

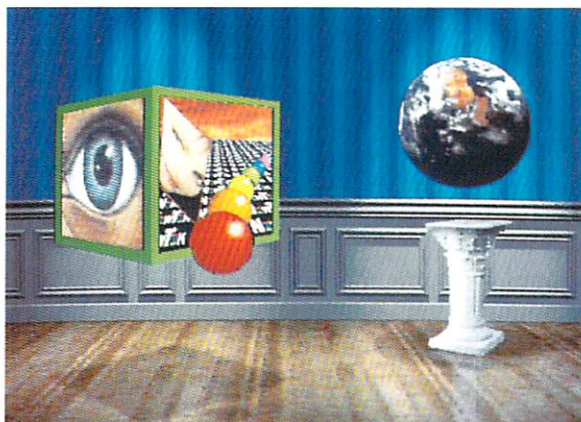
Digi-Paint 3 works in the Amiga's powerful Hold And Modify (HAM) mode, which allows you to paint using all 4096 colors simultaneously. By comparison, Deluxe Paint III (by Electronic Arts) operates in less sophisticated modes, restricting you to a maximum of only 64 colors. Advanced features available in Digi-Paint 3—including Colorizing, Variable Transparency, Shading, Lighten, Darken and Range Painting—are simply not possible in Deluxe Paint III due to its 64 color limitation. AMIGAWORLD warns, "Competitors may want to head back to the drawing board, because Digi-Paint 3 is hard to beat!"



### "What makes Digi-Paint 3 better than other HAM paint programs?"

Digi-Paint 3 is the only Amiga paint program written in 100% assembly language. Although challenging to program (taking up to 10 times longer than other computer languages), it's the only way to achieve the incredible speed found in Digi-Paint 3. AMIGAWORLD calls it "the fastest HAM paint program yet" and AMIGA SENTRY estimates it's, "6-10 times faster" than the nearest contender.

Other advanced features found *only* in Digi-Paint 3 include: anti-aliased texture mapping, anti-aliased fonts, ARexx support, 1024 x 1024 super bitmaps with auto-scrolling and dithering to 30 bits per pixel (over a billion colors internally, giving you tens of thousands of apparent colors). COMPUTER SHOPPER magazine reports "Digi-Paint 3 is without a doubt the most advanced HAM paint program to date!"



### "But is Digi-Paint 3 easy to use?"

I've learned that no matter how powerful a program is, if it's not friendly it's not worth my time. We designed Digi-Paint 3 with all users in mind—from the beginner just starting out with computers, to the "power user" who demands the most advanced features possible. The spiral-bound manual contains a step-by-step Guided Tour, 11 hands-on tutorials, a color coded reference card, and almost one hundred example photos.

Digi-Paint 3's intuitive user interface was created by Digi-View designer (and NewTek Founder) Tim Jenison and renowned Amiga artist Jim Sachs. It features innovative "Dashboard" controls which AMIGAWORLD regards as "a joy to use" and "very easy to learn and understand". INFO MAGAZINE says the new interface "looks great and works logically".



### "What is the Transfer 24 program included with Digi-Paint 3?"

Transfer 24 is a separate program disk included in the Digi-Paint 3 package, allowing you to alter any picture's brightness, color saturation, contrast, hue and sharpness, almost as easily as adjusting the controls on your television set. Transfer 24 also lets you modify the size, palette, and resolution of any picture. These powerful features, known as "Image Processing", give you incredible control over your final artwork. You can also save your image in any of the Amiga's 24 resolution modes (up to 768x480) making it compatible with all Amiga graphics software. AX MAGAZINE notes that "Transfer 24 gives you even more options as to the final appearance of your work". AMIGAWORLD declares, "Transfer 24 is great for making overall changes."

### "What technical support does NewTek offer?"

Digi-Paint 3 has one other thing you won't find in any ordinary paint program: a toll-free help line. If you should have any questions while using Digi-Paint 3, you're not on your own. Call NewTek's technical support team at 1-800-736-7617 Monday through Friday, 8 am - 7 pm Central Time.

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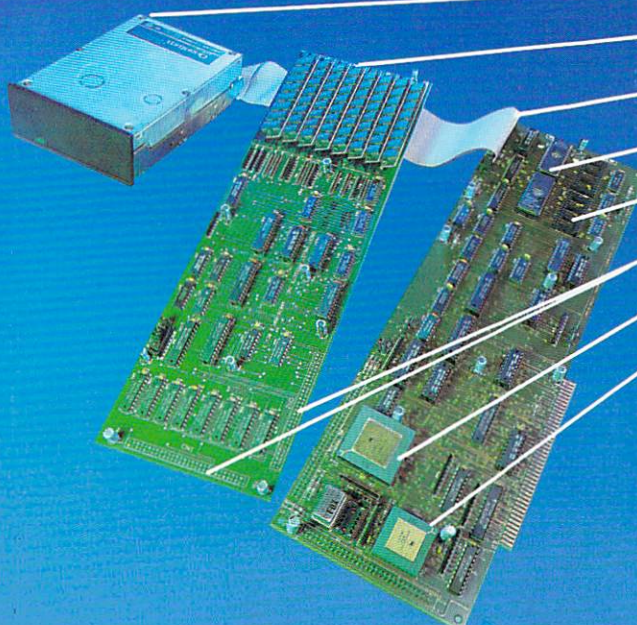
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**Q** This sounds great, but what if I can't afford to buy the full A3001 kit now and all I need urgently is a hard disk drive for my A2000?

**A** GVP also offers an "a la carte" approach to purchasing the A3001 kit. For example if you are about to purchase a hard disk drive and controller for your A2000, for only a little more you could instead buy the GVP 25Mhz 68030 accelerator board with its built-in AUTOBOOTING hard disk controller and the 40MB hard disk (suggested list price for both is only \$1495). You would obviously not get the full performance increase mentioned above, until you added our 32-bit wide RAM daughterboard and the 68882 FPU. However, in this case your initial hard disk outlay is not lost and it can be regarded as a "down payment" on your full-blown 32-bit workstation! If you are working on a REALLY tight budget, call us and ask about our "A2501" upgrade kit for the A2000, which outperforms the A2500 with its 16Mhz 68030! This is also available in "a la carte" form!

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*Our Amiga shopper (above) is having enough trouble with one bag of Amiga software. . . what would he do with the dozens needed to cart away the nearly 1000 applications programs in our 3rd Annual Amiga Software Buyer's Guide? Fortunately for our readers, we've taken a lot of the hassle out of getting a handle on the ever-growing Amiga software market. We hope the Guide saves you some time and money in your own shopping—for the Holidays and right on through next year. Bon appetit!*

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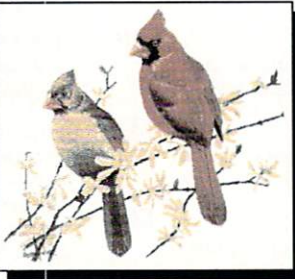
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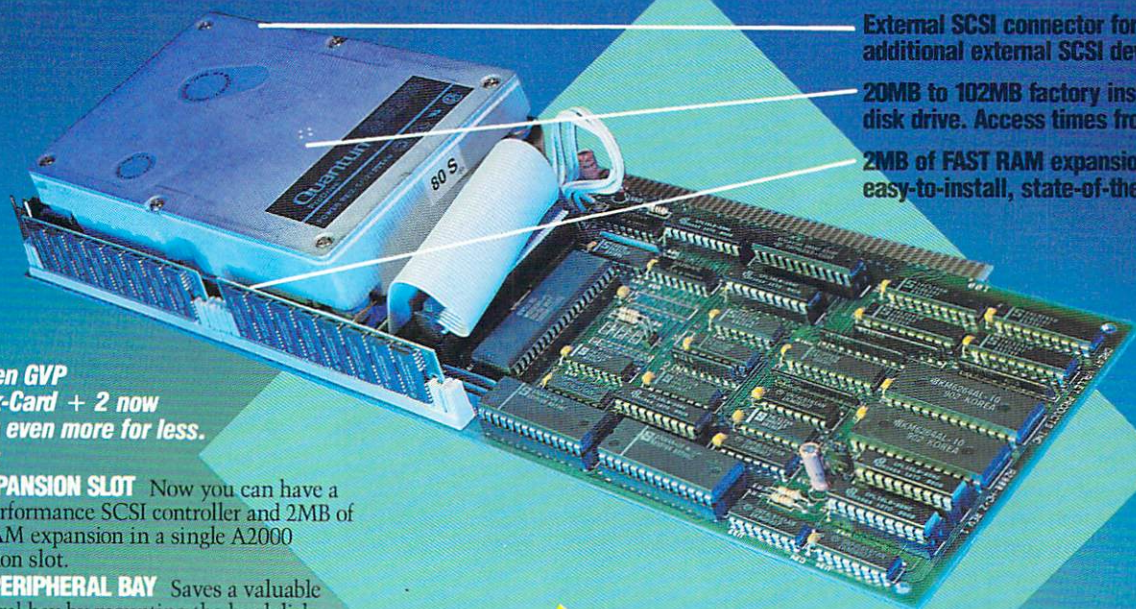
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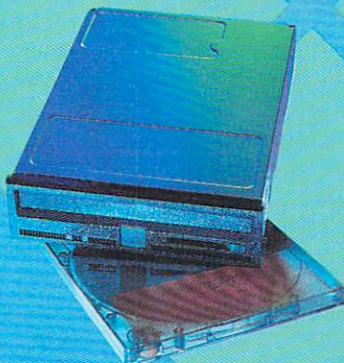
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# CHIEF CONCERNS

*Keep your distance from the Big Blue crowd.*

TALKIN' 'BOUT YOU! If you can at all help it, never go to a computer show that focuses on the IBM PC. Don't even go near areas where IBM-PC users gather. And, while we're on the subject, watch out for new users of Apple's Macintosh. Both of these types wear bland suits, red ties, and throw around terms like data processing and information management. Listening to them talk about their machines will put you to sleep faster than the Pat Sajak Show.

They're the dull people in what is billed as the most exciting business in America. IBM owners are the worst. Their brains think in terms of rows and columns, and their greatest fear is departing from corporate standards.

Macintosh users are pretty much the same, except they feel superior because their machines have the advantage of sluggish black-and-white graphics, and cost big bucks. Many are also self-satisfied yuppies who drone on about vintage wine, Brie, and spreadsheets.

Amiga owners are different. They are cool. They are smart. They have class.

It's simple, really. Macintosh and IBM PC users buy the machines to crunch numbers, store data, or produce documents. You can do all this, and still not have a creative bone in your body, or much of a brain. Amiga owners tend to have fully formed brains that include both logic and creativity. That is why they bought a machine that Apple and IBM dolts still consider to be obscure.

Before joining *AmigaWorld*, I talked to plenty of the PC types. They get all excited about simple little things like new spread-



sheet macros and pull-down menus. I also talked to plenty of Macintosh types. They are even more excited about things like task switching and new programs that support color. Whoopdy-doo.

I managed to survive, and with my health intact, entered the Amiga market. Now I talk to Amiga types who deserve to be excited. Their machines are not only fun to use, but are a perfect tool for creative expression. Words can pour out, and blend with graphics, which can be animated and mixed with captured video images. And if you just feel nasty, boot up a game and blow away some punks or blast away aliens in the outer reaches of space.

Either way is alright by us.

Amiga types also seem to lead more interesting lives. Many are musicians, and we know how wild a life that can be. Others are artists pushing images, lines and color around a screen while PC types push their drab numbers through mazes of rows and columns. And there are video professionals doing a job the

majority of Americans would die for; working with stars and creating products seen by millions.

Amiga professionals have an entirely different notion of computing. Rather than seeing the limits of their systems, they think in terms of potential. And when they show others what they've done, the common response is, "I didn't think that was possible." It is, on the Amiga.

I've also met people who bought Amigas for the home. These are also special people. They realized that the machine can entertain, educate, process words, crunch numbers, all at the same time. Instead of writing letters and playing appallingly slow and ugly MS-DOS games, Amiga home users spice up videos, do low-level animation, compose music, produce wondrous graphic images, and play the most sophisticated computer games ever made. Yes, computers can indeed be fun.

All these Amiga owners share one thing: They love their machines. They should, because the Amiga is a nearly pure extension of their creative thought. And it's cheap.

Apple and IBM are trying to make their systems appropriate for creative applications. But they are only paying lip service to graphics, multimedia, and animation. Let's face it. Some things can't change, and the boredom factor of the Apple and IBM markets is one of them. ■

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# REPARTEE

*Comments, complaints, and concerns*

*from AmigaWorld readers.*

## BOOTING FROM RAD:

IN "RAM Returns: Making Memory Pay Off" [info.phile, Oct. '89, p. 66], the authors state that you must remove your Workbench disk from the internal drive prior to rebooting, because the Amiga will always try to boot first from any disk there.

I have discovered that this is not true. By changing the MOUNTLIST entry for RAD: and assigning BootPri=127, the Amiga will boot from RAD: whether there is a disk in DF0: or not.

I proved this by replacing my Workbench disk with several other bootable disks (including games) and rebooting. Each time, the Amiga booted from RAD: and *not* the disk in DF0:. It did check the disk in DF0:, but it never booted from it.

*Joseph M. Puffer*  
Great Lakes, IL

## RUNNING XENIX

I USED TO have two computers in my home—one, of course, was the Amiga, and the other was a Compaq 286AT. The Amiga was for games and all the "neat stuff," and the Compaq was for work. When the A2286D Bridgeboard was announced, I hoped that it would allow me

to eliminate the Compaq and use the Amiga for work.

There was, however, one catch. For work, I had to be able to run Xenix (a port of Unix to the smaller machines). I was extremely pleased with the helpful people at Commodore; their customer-support line worked very well. The technical personnel were knowledgeable about Xenix, and assured me that it would run on the A2286D Bridgeboard. I was also pleased with the ease of installing, setting up, and using the Bridgeboard.

The Bridgeboard was a success. I have now totally eliminated the Compaq. I have the Amiga 2000 running music, graphics, games, etc., and the Bridgeboard running Xenix.

Although the rumors have been flying fast and furious about a Unix port to the Amiga, I was not able to wait for this to happen. With the A2286D Bridgeboard, I didn't have to.

*Hubert E. Samm, Jr.*  
Belleville, IL

## TAKING IT SERIOUSLY

PETER WESSON'S response ["Joy of Computing," Repartee, Oct. '89, p. 8] to a previous letter of mine ["Saturday Night Amiga," Repartee, June '89, p. 8] was well-taken; however, if Peter rereads my letter, he won't find any direct references to Amiga game users.

There is, indeed, no single use for a personal computer, but the highly touted Amiga was originally promoted for its ability to produce graphics and animation in a "serious" way. Clearly, you can buy games for the IBM PC, but few consider it to be a "game" machine.

My problem is with the general lack of respect that the public has for the Amiga. To many, it's just another game computer, and this is certainly not the image that people have of the IBM PC or the Macintosh.

Mr. Wesson can play Pac-Man on the Amiga to his heart's content, yet if the Amiga goes the way of the C-64 or Atari ST because of the growing dominance of the game market, then all who are interested in the Amiga for other reasons will suffer the loss.

We'll be saying: "There goes another great American idea. . ."

*Mr. Grove*  
Chicago, IL

## THE HIGH PRICE OF GREED

SOFTWARE COMPANIES always say that their prices are high because of piracy. I

know, as everyone does, that a lot of pirates are out there, but if by some miracle all piracy stopped, I do not believe that the software companies would bring down their prices. Look at Nintendo (I know this is a bad example): They have little if any piracy to deal with, but they still charge \$45-\$60 for a game.

I believe that if all piracy stopped, prices would stay the same for one simple reason: People are greedy! I am not a pirate and do not support piracy, but I wish that these software companies would stop trying to cover up their greed by blaming high prices on pirates.

*Lee Christopher Wise*  
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## CORRECTION

GREAT VALLEY PRODUCTS' address was listed incorrectly in "Pick a Path" (Nov. '89, p. 70). The correct address is 225 Plank Ave., Paoli, PA 19301.

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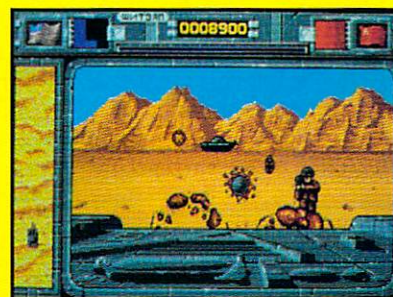
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# NOTE PAD

Compiled by Linda Barrett

## Building Bridges to Classrooms

AS PRESIDENT BUSH and the 50 state governors geared up for the education summit in Charlottesville, VA, Commodore's new Director of Education, Howard Diamond, led a roundtable discussion with school superintendents and other education officials at the Radisson Hotel in Valley Forge, PA—site of the September World of Commodore show.

At issue was the so-called "training gap" left by computer companies that

sell high-tech equipment to schools and then neglect to adequately train teachers to use it. "Education is an integral component of our overall corporate strategy," said Diamond, who previously served as a Higher Education Sales Development Specialist for Apple. "One of our goals is to help reduce the training gap in American schools by working to develop educational software and curricula with educators, not just for them."

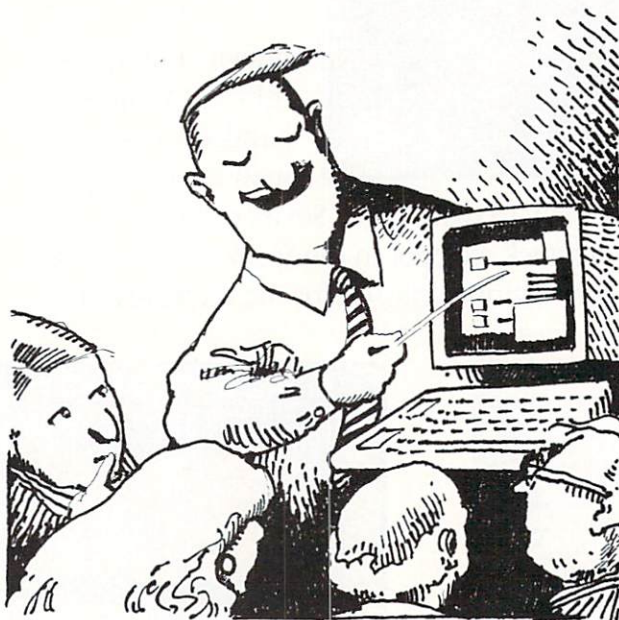
Commodore intends to restrict its education push to the Amiga, and to approach the market differently than its competitors have. Diamond said that the Amiga will be presented as a creative tool—one for developing critical thinking skills, not merely for programming and word processing.

Just months ago, there were only two people in the Amiga education and marketing support department; the plan is to increase the staff to 35 by January. One project this expanded staff will tackle is a support program for third-party education-software developers. Diamond gave no details, however.

When the discussion was over and

the show floor opened up, developers and retailers displayed and sold their wares while show-goers oohed, ahed, and wrote out checks. Some attendees gave their feet a rest at classes and seminars, the majority of which centered around the Amiga. While a few class topics complemented the education theme, others focused on animation, desktop publishing, and so on. The show was a tad small this year, but well-attended nonetheless.

September's World of Commodore may not have received as much press coverage as Bush's education summit, but for Amiga watchers, it was just as exciting. —BGT



FROM THE PLUSH V.I.P. headquarters to its specially designed viewing theater, Commodore made the September '89 Personal Computer Show in London a world-class event for the Amiga. As an additional attraction, Commodore's International Distributors Conference paralleled the show.

Meeting, greeting, and comparing markets were the order of

## World-Class Show

the day. Commodore reps from all over were in attendance: Mohamed Weston from Kuwait, Barry Thurston from the UK, Pierre Mizzi from Malta, Gregory Koler and Paul Maloney from Switzerland, Mikal Nielsen from Finland, Abdalla S. Al-Zayani from Saudi Arabia, Mike Onay from South Africa, and the ubiquitous Gail Wellington from the home office in West Chester, PA.

Commodore's exhibition area was huge. Large color monitors and Amiga 2500s displayed high-tech imagery everywhere you looked. Graphics weren't the only attraction. Commodore's slick arcade clicked, snapped, and popped constantly with the sounds of joysticks, while in the music exhibit for MIDI applications, Music-X made its European premiere with full SMPTE implementation. Audio Visual Research showed a 16-bit audio sampler that will push Amiga audio to CD quality.

While the show held no surprise products for Americans, the opportunity to discuss the Amiga's future with the multitude of worldwide representatives was more than worth the trip.

—Joel Tessler





Terri and Rick Foster of Los Gatos, CA (with junior gumshoe Danny and trusty bloodhound Jake) finished first under the wire to win the Grand Prize in the 1989 AW Mystery Sweeps.

IT BEGAN WITH a fictional murder in Saratoga, NY, and it ended with a real earthquake in the Bay Area of California.

Rick and Terri Foster, Grand Prize winners of the 1989 *AmigaWorld* Mystery Sweepstakes, didn't think traveling to the October 21 Awards ceremony at AmiExpo in Santa Clara would be any big deal. After all, the Fosters live only 20 miles down the road in Los Gatos. But when the Great Quake struck less than three days before the start of the show, it turned out to be too long a journey to make.

## Super Sleuths

The media was reporting heavy damage in Los Gatos, and *AmigaWorld* had not been able to contact the Fosters before the show.

Although a message from them arrived at our hotel before the presentation, we weren't able to get in touch with them because phone service was out. Come Saturday morning, we found ourselves with one Grand Prize (the Amiga 2000HD) and one Grand Prize presenter (Andy Drexler, President of GO AMIGO! in nearby Redwood City, who had donated it)—but no winners.

Fortunately, when we finally got through to the Fosters after the show, we discovered they were relatively okay, if a little shaken. With power and water out in their house, they had fled to the safer retreat of Rick's mother's home.

Although it will be a while before they can power up even their toaster or coffeemaker, much less think about a computer, Rick and Terri do have plans for their new system. With both being involved in Santa Clara computer jobs (he with CMX, a videotape-editing equipment maker, and she with Versatech, a maker of electrostatic plotters), the Fosters are looking forward to using the A2000HD for numerous applications, including software development, video, and music.

—Dan Sullivan



## The Show Goes On

DESPITE AN EARTHQUAKE measuring 7.0 on the Richter Scale, last October's AmiExpo in Santa Clara went off as planned. Numerous aftershocks hit, though none were large enough to wreak havoc with the computers or worry the many native Californians in attendance.

Participation of vendors and the general public was down as expected, but at some points the show was surprisingly brisk. *AmigaWorld*, after some serious deliberations, decided to show. We're glad we did, because there were some impressive announcements.

We at *AmigaWorld* had our own announcement—we're forming the Amiga Developers Association, an organization

for those whose livelihoods depend on the Amiga. The Association will hold its kickoff meeting March 15 at the Sheraton-Washington, DC. This group will present a unified voice to Commodore concerning marketing and technical issues, and will also work to convince the non-Amiga masses to explore this fine machine.

ProVector, a structured-drawing program from the new firm Tallesin, was demonstrated, as was Scott Anthony Studios' structured-drawing package. Scott Anthony's package uses Adobe's Display PostScript, a fancy display language made famous by Steve Jobs' NEXT machine.

Spirit Technology debuted an unusual expansion system that allows boards originally designed for IBM PC XTs and ATs to run on A500s and A1000s. This system allows the Amiga to use IBM boards under AmigaDOS, unlike the

Amiga 2000 with a Bridgeboard, which can only use IBM boards in conjunction with MS-DOS.

The C mavers from Lattice Inc. updated Lattice C V. 5.04 and will ship the update free to registered owners. The system includes 50 enhancements, and some known bugs have reportedly been squashed.

Never to be outdone, NewTek demonstrated DigiView 4.0, an enhanced version of the popular video digitizer. Among its numerous new features are "Dynamic-Res," a high-resolution 4096-color display mode. With this, the Amiga can have all 4096 colors in Hi-Res mode, something that had always been thought impossible. By using advanced interrupt programming to change the palette on every scan line, this new mode is capable of outstanding imagery, but it does require almost the full power of the Amiga to maintain it.

IMtronics is showing their 1.8 MB RAM board for the A500. What makes this extra special is that it installs in the A501 slot, creating extra address lines in order to maximize RAM capacity.

One of the most fun parts of the show was a "Killer Demo" contest sponsored by the BADGE User Group, and supported by product donations from numerous vendors. The point of the annual contest is to create demo software that shows off the Amiga and entertains at the same time. Bradley Schenck won first prize with "The Sentinel," an impressive Celtic-style piece, assisted by an Amiga 2000 donated by Commodore. Roger Curran picked up second place with "The VAUX-Killer Demo," assisted by an A2620 donated by GO AMIGO. Sliding into third was "AmigaTrek" by Bill Koester, assisted by a flickerFixer donated by MicroWay.

—Doug Barney



# REVIEWS

## CALIGARI

### PAGERENDER 3D

*A glimpse into the future.*

By Gene Brawn

CALIGARI AND PAGERENDER 3D each offer tantalizing previews of the future of 3-D modeling software.

The near legendary Caligari from Octree Software is now offered as a more affordable, slimmed-down, and debugged version of Octree's original \$2000 product, Caligari Professional. It is available in both NTSC and PAL formats. The innovative three-dimensional interface remains in this release, but animation and scripting are not included. Although the software now saves 2-D images as IFF ILBM (Interleave Bitmap) files, three-dimensional objects are still stored in Octree's proprietary format.

I found the non-copy-protected software easy to install on a hard drive and free of fatal bugs. The program did guru, however, when I tried to multitask with my word processor and the Shell.

#### FAST AND SMOOTH

Perhaps Caligari's most outstanding feature is its speed: Complicated objects are rendered rapidly on the first display and redrawn almost instantly for subsequent draw commands.

Another impressive feature is Caligari's scrolling, twisting, turning, mouse-controlled interface, which responds at almost real-time speeds and is simple and intuitive to use, even for beginners.

There are no pull-down menus; instead, functions and tools are accessed from stackable rows of buttons arrayed across the bottom of the hi-res screen. Although this system is unusual, it is extremely functional. Submenus appear above the current row and remain until you turn them off. Likewise, file requesters, color tools, and other items appear as windows in front of the button rows and remain open until you select or cancel them.

The work area is available as a true 3-D universe, and in the more conventional top side and front views. A display-only mode is also provided. It is the three-dimensional Perspective mode that sets Caligari apart from most other Amiga 3-D modelers. Here, by simply pointing and clicking, you can carry out almost any operation on the selected object. For example, if you want to rotate an object, click on its wireframe representation, select Rotate from the menu, then move the mouse in the direction you want it to rotate.

While 3-D modeling programs are typically not fast enough for use in commercial situations, Caligari is. Despite its lack of keyboard equivalents to menu selections, Caligari is almost as fast as that 2-D speedster, DeluxePaint III (Electronic Arts).

#### THE DESIGN DEPARTMENT

You accomplish most of your work in Caligari in just two environments, the Object Design and Scene Design modules. In the Object Design module you can create, edit, and view individual objects. More than 20 basic 3-D shapes (primitives) are available to get you started. From there you can use the editor's tools to pick up an object and move it anywhere in the coordinate system, rotate it on any axis, or scale it in any direction. You can also glue or unglue

objects at any time. The usual method for controlling these functions is with the mouse, but more precise numerical control is available through the ETC menu selections.

Caligari's well-designed interface allowed me to run the program almost entirely without using the manual—except when it came to creating objects from scratch. In the manual, I discovered that the editing tools are in the Extruder module, rather than the other way around as I had expected. To create an object, you must first draw the shape freehand. If it is a simple, enclosed polygon, you can extrude it (as with a cookie cutter) or spin it on an arbitrary axis (as with a lathe).

If your shape is more complex, so is your task. Because you have the tools to design only two-dimensional shapes, you have to create all your object's flat surfaces separately. Then you must go through a tedious process of loading each one into the Perspective view, orienting it properly and, finally gluing the piece in place on the object. I could discover no way to grab and move individual points in an object; if you notice a mistake in a completed object, you must use the extruder/editor to completely redraw the part. This is unacceptable.

I expected to be able to set lights from within the perspective environment, but was disappointed to learn that settings are strictly numerical, and must be entered through gadgets in a special menu—an incredibly inconvenient process.

#### WHY NOT?

Because of its poor object-design environment, Caligari would serve best as a tool for viewing and modifying objects created in other programs. Unfortu-



nately, this is impossible because of the program's proprietary file format. This limitation goes both ways: You cannot export Caligari objects to a ray-tracing program to take advantage of superior rendering capabilities, either.

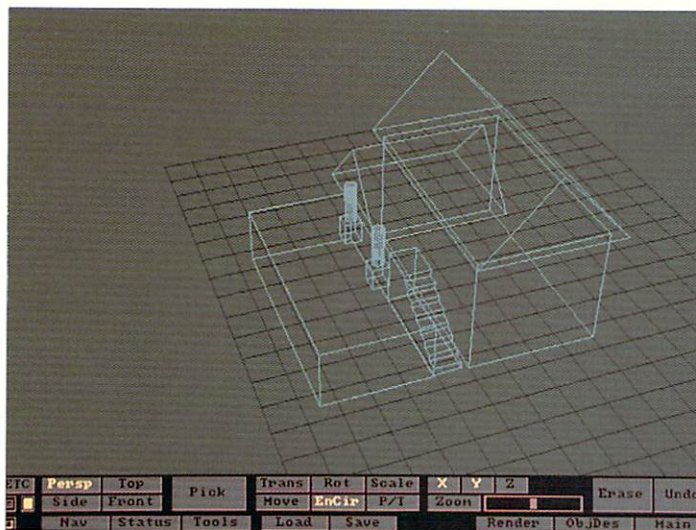
A great interface is only one element of a successful program, and, regrettably, Caligari is unable to provide the rest of the tools necessary to make it truly useful. I cannot recommend it for serious work, but I'll keep it around as an example of how I think 3-D interfaces should behave.

#### MORE THAN THAT

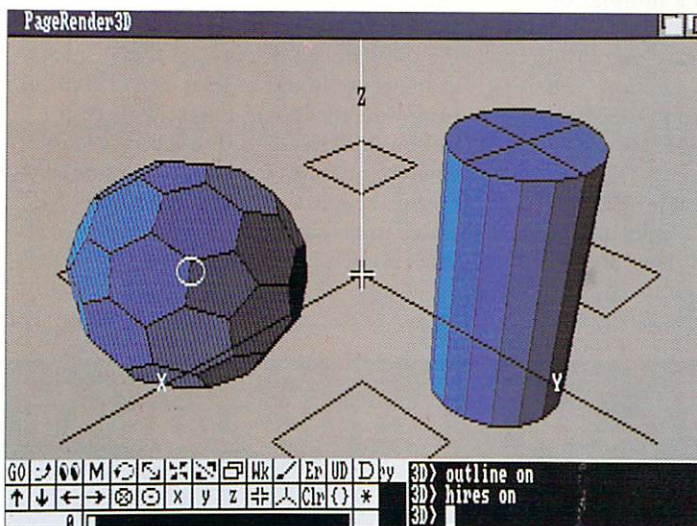
PageRender 3D from Mindware is much more comprehensive than Caligari in its range of tools and options. It is script based, and all program functions are accessed either via the mouse or from the CLI style window, which displays and records the text equivalent of each command. One incredibly useful tool lets you reload a saved script and play it step by step.

PageRender 3D's interface is not as slick as Caligari's, but it is similar. For example, the bottom quarter of the screen is devoted to the command buttons and the text window. Instead of employing the mouse to control the direction and degree of movement, however, PageRender 3D requires that you select a directional arrow from the control panel and then drag a bar (similar to scrolling in a text editor) to determine the amount or degree of movement. A full range of controls allows you to move your viewing position or to move the object itself.

My favorite feature is the animator. Unlike nearly every other 3-D modeler, this is not a separate mode, but part of



Enter Caligari's 3-D universe via its elegant interface.



With PageRender's controls, you can change the object's position, or your own.

PageRender's basic design. To animate an object, simply open an IFF ANIM file, and enter the commands to move, rotate, or size the object. The absence of a path command is a major drawback and should be remedied if this aspect of the program is to be fully exploited. Although PageRender 3D does not directly support the playback of ANIMS, the application can run programs through AmigaDOS. Sparta's ShowANIM player is included with the package for just this purpose.

#### BIG AND BROAD

The introduction to the comprehensive manual declares that PageRender 3D is a broad and general program. It is. Its environment is flexible and the size of your 3-D universe is limited only by your machine's memory. Full control of the viewing position and a scrolling function allow you to look at any part of your

creation. You can even print a larger-than-screen image in pieces and paste them together to create poster-size art.

Screen resolutions and sizes range from a lo-res  $\frac{1}{8}$  page view to a fully over-scanned hi-res screen. The number of colors can range from two to 4096, although Extra-Halfbrite (64 colors) is not supported. A seven-level dithering control lets you produce up to 224 colors in lo-res mode with five bit planes.

PageRender 3D's palette control, on the other hand, is somewhat spartan, making it difficult to use the palette efficiently. Instead of a requester containing color choices, you get a single box and some RGB slider knobs. Another deficiency is the provision for but a single light source. Although the light's wattage and type (normal, strong, or weird) are variable, the allowance for only one



source severely limits the scenic variations possible.

### MAKING IT EASY

As with Caligari, PageRender 3D provides a library of basic objects and an object creator for custom designs. The object-creation module is rather conventional: You draw the design freehand and either extrude or spin it to give it depth. The object editor is another animal, however, unique in its power and simplicity. It lets you move single points to any spot in your universe either visually or by direct entry of the coordinates. You can subdivide faces (polygons) or entire objects into smaller groups of rectangles or triangles, and a number of transformation operations allow you to array, twist, stretch, or wave any group of connected objects. In addition, you can make the group assume the shape of a funnel, dome, arch, cone, crevice or cylinder.

Unfortunately, PageRender 3D comes up short in its ability to render the beautiful, complex scenes you have so painstakingly created. Although there is a ray-

tracing mode, there is no provision for adding texture or reflectivity to your objects. Couple this with the single light source and you will find yourself limited to some pretty basic renditions. While this may be adequate for Computer Aided Design, I expected more.

I'm surprised that the programmers of this otherwise excellent software chose to limit file output to a proprietary format, especially considering the decision to limit its rendering capabilities. As with Caligari, it would be a boon to be able to export PageRender 3D's files to Sculpt-Animate 4D (Byte by Byte) or Turbo Silver (Impulse) for high-quality display.

### WHITHER 3-D?

If manufacturers do not want to create the ultimate, all-in-one 3-D design program, they should at least offer a path to programs that complement their own. Although Syndesis is developing Inter-Change modules for both programs, I resent the extra cost I must assume in order to do something nearly every other Amiga application does routinely.

These two programs illustrate the cur-

rent trend to real-world perspective displays. Caligari, although not suited for heavy-duty work, incorporates speed and an admirable interface design. (The package includes an instructional videotape as well.) PageRender 3D, on the other hand, shows a high level of innovation and attention to detail. Even the program's shortcomings seem well considered and, in fact, are mentioned in the documentation as candidates for future upgrades.

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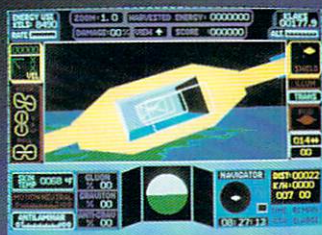
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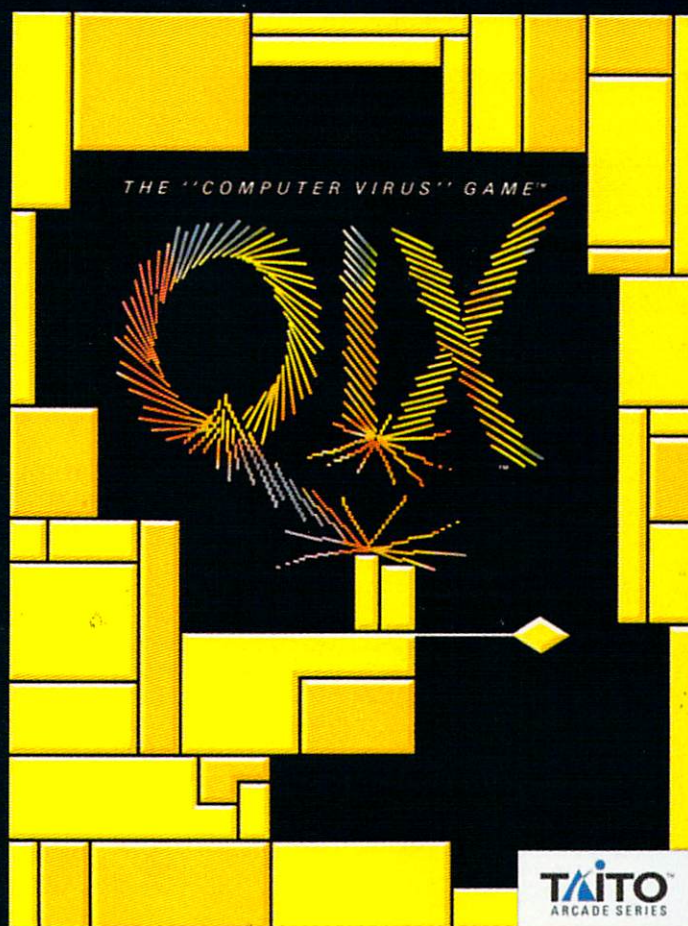
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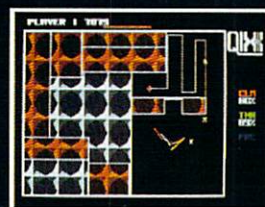
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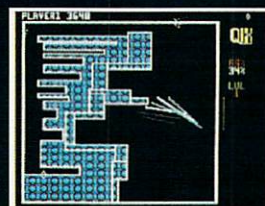


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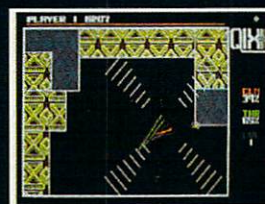
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## SCRIBBLE! PLATINUM EDITION

### PROTEXT

*Channel your creative ramblings.*

By Irene C. Kobelski

WHILE THEY ARE functionally similar, Scribble! Platinum and Protext are quite

different in appearance and operation. Both word processors are supplied on two non-copy-protected disks and run on any 512K single-drive Amiga (Protext supplies a 512K version but requires a meg to run the complete program).

An upgrade to the original Scribble!, the Platinum Edition is a menu-driven Amiga-specific program featuring two-, four-, or eight-color custom windows, pull-down menus, keyboard shortcuts, and plenty of graphic elements. Protext,

on the other hand, is a command-driven MS-DOS port that has been revamped to include pull-down menus and keyboard shortcuts for common commands. The Amiga Protext is compatible with versions available for other computers.

### IN COMMON

The two programs share a number of features: the standard cutting, pasting, styles, headers, and footers, plus tutorials and help screens. To save time, both let you generate page and screen templates for business letters, memos, reports, and other applications. Templates can include various screen and ink color combinations, which is handy if you plan to edit multiple documents simultaneously.

Spell checking a single word, window, or entire document is easy in either program, plus Scribble!'s Continuous Spell option lets you check each word as it is typed. Scribble! Platinum uses the 103,792-word Proximity/Merriam Webster Linguibase with scientific and technical supplements (quite an improvement over the original Scribble!'s 40,000-word dictionary). The Protext dictionary is divided into three sections: Main (34,000 words), Supplemental (an additional 34,000+ words), and Quick (250 common words). Foreign-language supplements are also available for Protext. Both programs let you design your own dictionaries, a feature that is especially useful in Protext, which can scan up to five dictionaries.

Neither program gives you a true WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) display, meaning that you do not see your document on screen exactly as it will print. For example, your display will always be single spaced even though you may have chosen double spacing. Both do provide a preview command, however, which allows you to view the completely formatted document before printing. Thus, you can see boldface, italics, and underlining on screen. Although superscript and subscript can also be used, they are not displayed as such: Scribble! uses inverse video to flag these styles, while in Protext the affected words are preceded by a parenthetic code.

Both Scribble! and Protext support Mail Merge, a function that relies on imbedded commands to generate per-

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Length: 12764 samples  
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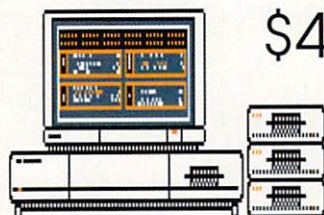
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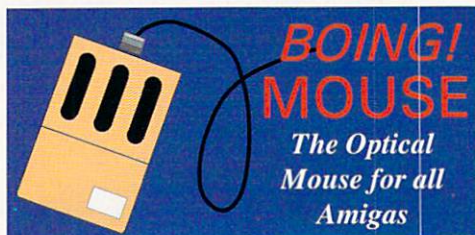
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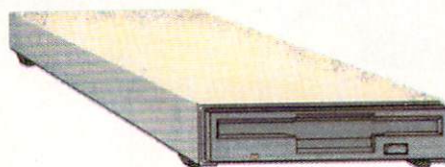
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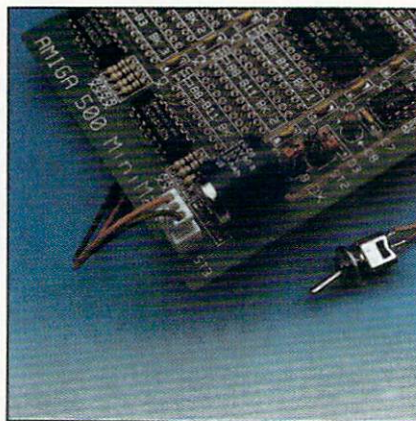
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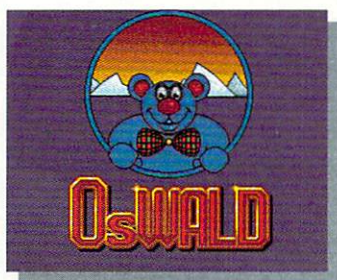
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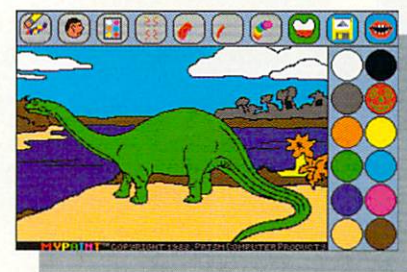
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# Applications Software Buyer's Guide



IF YOU HAD PASSED by our offices of late, you would have seen lights ablaze day and night and us at our posts bleary-eyed but determined. Surrounded by heaps of product announcements, we unearthed new companies, tracked elusive distributors with address changes, and investigated rumors of new and innovative programs. We harranged developers and publishers by phone and post until we assembled the list before you.

For a "kinder, gentler buyer's guide," we extricated the entertainment group and gave it a name of its own—the Games Buyer's Guide (see the November '89 issue). The remaining applications programs to-

taled nearly one-thousand on its own.

Price and availability discrepancies might appear between this list and your dealer's. Where prices were unavailable, we placed a TBA

(to be announced) in the price column. The "MEM" column was created to indicate programs requiring more than the standard 512K to run and was assembled from available information. Some programs may come with an extra memory *recommendation*, but may not *require* more. Questions about products should be directed to the corresponding company—a list of Manufacturers' Addresses is provided at the end of the Guide.

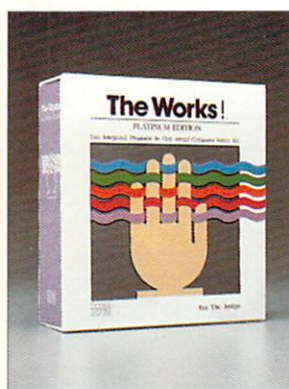
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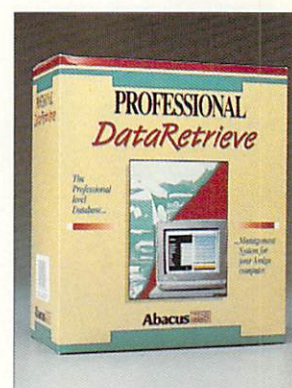
PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
Accountant	KFS Software	\$299.50	1MB	Commercial accounting including payroll.
Accounting Modules	Computerware	\$ 99.00		Each sold separately—AR AP GL IC PR check.
AMT	The Other Guys	\$ 39.99		Amortization and cost evaluation.
Arima Techniques	Lionheart Press	\$125.00		Box-Jenkins analysis of time-series.
Basic Ledger	B.E.S.T. Inc.	\$ 79.95		General ledger package for business use.
Business Budgeting	B.E.S.T. Inc.	\$ 79.95		Budgeting program for business use.
Business Mngmnt. 2.0	B.E.S.T. Inc.	\$295.00		Accounting program for business use.
Business Statistics	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Statistical tools for business.
Cluster Analysis	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		All major cluster analysis algorithms.
Decision Analysis	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Decisions on incomplete or conflicting data.
Descriptive Stats.	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		General statistical analysis and graphics.
Easy Loan	PAR Software	\$ 79.95		Amortization tables for loans.
Econometrics	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Full-scale econometric techniques.
Experimental Stats.	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		General purpose statistics.
Forecasting and Time	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Analysis of time-series.
Inventory	Lionheart Press	\$125.00		Inventory management.
KEEP-Trak	The Other Guys	\$ 49.99		General ledger.
Linear Programming	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Based upon SIMPLEX and Monte Carlo.
Marketing Stats.	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Collecting and analyzing marketing statistics.
Matrix Operations	Lionheart Press	\$125.00		Includes transfer to and from spreadsheets.
Multivariate Analysis	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		For advanced users.
Nimbus	Oxxi Inc.	\$159.50		Cash accounting for small businesses.
Optimization	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Different optimization programs.
PAR Real I	PAR Software	\$149.95		Real estate property analysis.
Project Master	TRS Labs	\$195.00		Professional project management.
Project Planner	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		PERT and Critical Path.
Quality Control	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		Experiments; statistical basis of quality control.
Regression	Lionheart Press	\$125.00		Based upon least squares techniques.
Sales and Market	Lionheart Press	\$145.00		How to forecast.
Service Industry	Sybiz Software	\$395.00		Integrated job estimating and costing.
Spectrum	Progressive	\$399.95		Transaction acct. company ledger, journal.
Works! Platinum	Micro-Systems	\$295.95		Integrates word processor, spreadsheet.

## DATABASES

PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
Acquisition II	Taurus-Impex	\$299.95		Relational database.
Acquisition Pioneer	Taurus-Impex	\$139.95		Scaled-down Acquisition.
Bookkeeping System	Sax Man Systems	\$100.00		Modular programs for use with Superbase.
Business I	Software Vision	\$ 59.00		Templates and macros for Microfiche Filer.
Computer Black Book	Meggido	\$ 35.95		Name address and phone database.
DataRetrieve	Abacus	\$ 79.95		Accesses eight files simultaneously.
dBMan V5.2	VersaSoft	\$245.00		Relational database; dBase compatible.
Info +	Eastern Telecom	\$ 49.99		File manager.
Infominder	Byte by Byte	\$ 89.95		Hierarchical data retrieval system.
K-Data	Kuma	TBA		Database.
Mail-O-Dex	KarmaSoft	\$ 49.95		Address/record-keeping program.
Microfiche Filer	Software Visions	\$ 99.00		File manager graphic interface.
MicroFiche Filer Plus	Software Visions	\$179.00		Professional version of MicroFiche filer.
NAG Plus 3.0	Gramma Software	\$ 79.95		Personal database; verbally reminds.
Norgen	Norris Software	\$ 99.95		Genealogy database.
Omega File	The Other Guys	\$ 79.99		File manager.
Organize!	Micro-Systems	\$ 79.95		DBase compatible math functions.



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Pro DataRetrieve	Abacus	\$295.00		Professional relational data retrieval.
Record Manager	HC Software	\$ 99.00		Data management system for small business.
SoftWood File IIgs	SoftWood	\$ 99.95		File manager includes graphics and sound.
Superbase Personal 2	Precision	\$149.95		Relational database.
Superbase Personal	Precision	\$ 79.95		Scaled down version of Pro.
Superbase Pro. 3	Precision	\$299.95	1MB	Relational with integrated forms applications.
WWW	Blue Ribbon	\$ 99.95		Who! What! When! Where! scheduler.
Your Family Tree	Micromaster	\$ 49.95	1MB	Genealogy database: supports up to 16 million.



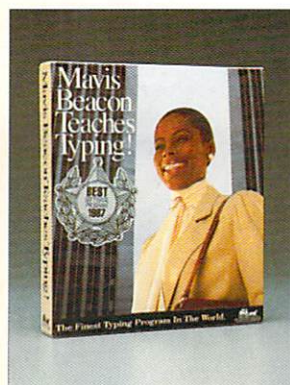
## DESKTOP PUBLISHING

PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
Amiga Tex Driver	Radical Eye	\$100.00	1MB	Printer drivers for Amiga Tex.
AmigaMETAFONT	Radical Eye	\$ 75.00	1MB	Font generator for AmigaTex.
AmigaTEX	Radical Eye	\$200.00	1MB	Typesetting software.
City Desk 2.0	MicroSearch	\$199.95	1MB	Page layout program.
ComicSetter	Gold Disk	\$ 99.95	1MB	Layout tools for creating color comics.
Fonts Disk	Soft-Logik	\$ 39.95		For use with PageStream.
PageStream	Soft-Logik	\$199.95	1MB	Desktop-publishing program.
Pro ScanLab	ASDG	\$995.00	2MB	24-bit color scanning utility.
Professional Page	Gold Disk	\$395.00		High-end desktop publishing.
Publisher Plus	Northeast	\$ 99.95		PostScript-compatible WYSIWYG.
Saxon Publisher	Saxon	\$445.00	1MB	Includes four-color separations.
Structured Clip Art	Gold Disk	\$ 59.95		Professionally drawn.
Symbols Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Set of hi-res symbols.
Templates	Gold Disk	\$ 59.95		For Professional Page with design guide.

## EDUCATIONAL

PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
8 Parts of Speech	Queue	\$ 44.95		Nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.
Abraham and God	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Describes Abraham's beliefs and actions.
ACLS Series	Mad Scientist	\$109.95		Cardiac Arrest-ACLC Protocols- EKG.
Across the Plains	Micro Ed	\$ 59.95		Depicts one of history's great migrations.
Adam and Eve	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Describes the demise of man/God relationship.
Adjectives	Queue	\$ 39.95		Adding New Ideas To Nouns And Pronouns.
Adventures of Sinbad	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Classic literature.
Adverbial Clauses	Queue	\$ 34.95		Subordinate conjunctions, words, etc.
Aesop's Fable	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Stories with morals.
Aesop's Fables	Hilton Android	\$ 29.95		Robot Reader: expand vocabulary.
Agreeable Verbs	Queue	\$ 39.95		Covers agreement with person and number.
Agreement	Queue	\$ 34.95		Of Pronoun With Antecedent.
Agreement	Queue	\$ 34.95		Of Subject And Verb: person, number, etc.
Aids Information	Micro Ed	\$ 39.95		High school to adults; provides basic info.
Algebra	True BASIC	\$ 49.95		Fundamentals of Algebra.
All About America	Unicorn Software	\$ 59.95		Social studies.
American English	Micro Ed	TBA		Language tutoring for Spanish speakers.
American History	Queue	\$ 59.95		Master historical relationships.
Analogies I	Queue	\$ 65.00		Improve aptitude test scores.
Analogies II	Queue	\$ 65.00		Prepares for college aptitude test.
Animal Kingdom	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Six educational activities.
Antonyms	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		For elementary students; interactive teaching. ►





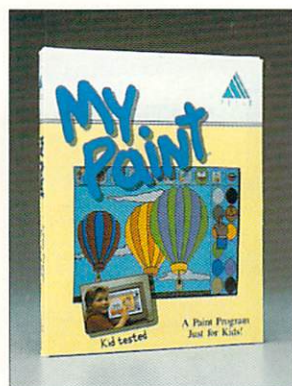
PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
Antonyms	Queue	\$ 34.95		Identify and understand antonyms.
Arithmetic	True BASIC	\$ 49.95		Learn arithmetic concepts.
Balancing Act	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Review a checking statement and identify.
Bases	Queue	\$ 29.95		Other Than 10: expanded notation, etc.
Basic Grammar	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Identify nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs.
Beginning German	Micro Ed	\$ 69.95		Foreign language instruction.
Beginning Reading	Micro Ed	\$ 89.95		Beginning word "attack" skills.
Behavioral Sciences	Queue	\$ 34.95		Interactive tutorial of psychology.
Birds 'N Bees	IntraCorp	\$ 14.95		Facts-of-life instruction.
Blood Gases	Mad Scientist	\$ 49.95		Blood gas analysis instruction.
Branded	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Fractions: name relationships to the whole.
Calculus	True BASIC Inc.	\$ 49.95		Practice calculus concepts.
Capitalization	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Teaches how to correctly capitalize.
Cardiac Arrest	Mad Scientist	\$ 69.95		Advanced cardiac life support program.
Case And Gender	Queue	\$ 44.95		Of Nouns And Pronouns.
Case Of	Queue	\$ 34.95		Nouns, Pronouns: nominative, objective, etc.
Chicken Little	Hilton Android	\$ 29.95		Robot Reader: expand vocabulary.
Choromap	Bassett	\$ 51.00		Choropleth mapping package.
CLAS	Micro Ed	\$129.95		Computerized Lesson Authoring System.
Clauses And	Queue	\$ 44.95		Whole Sentences: helps to identify clauses.
Code Team	Mad Scientist	\$ 69.95		ACLC Protocols-EKG Teaching-Cardiac Quiz.
Comp. Series	Queue	\$229.95		Complete Practical Composition Series.
Comparing	Queue	\$ 44.95		Gerund Participle And Infinitive Phrases.
Complements of Verbs	Queue	\$ 34.95		Direct object transitive and intransitive.
Complete Adventure	Queue	\$130.00		Complete Adventure Series.
Complete Lessons	Queue	\$149.95		Reading and Reasoning series.
Complete Math	Queue	\$155.00		Complete Special Topics In Math Series.
Complete Math	Queue	\$165.00		Word problem series grades 3 through 8.
Complex Sentence	Queue	\$ 34.95		Adjective Clauses: subordinate clauses, etc.
Compound Sentence	Queue	\$ 34.95		Kinds of clauses, simple sentences, etc.
Comprehensive	Queue	\$ 64.95		Grammar Review I series.
Confusing Verbs	Queue	\$ 39.95		Covers six confusing verbs.
Crayons and Rainbows	The Trumor Co.	\$ 19.95		Teaches colors through positive reinforcement.
Crosslinks	Poco-Loco	\$ 34.95		Wordfind games: cryptograms.
CST Data Disk #1	AlohaFonts	\$ 24.95		Three sets of data for ConSOUNDtration.
Decimal Dungeon	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Answer decimal problems correctly.
Descartes!	DTM Werburg	\$ 39.95		Mathematical 2-D graphing system.
Designasaurus	Britannica	\$ 49.95		Build, print, and learn about dinosaurs.
Developing Writing	Queue	\$135.00		Tutorial and drill on writing effectiveness.
Digital Landscape	Digiscape	\$124.95		View in 3-D the terrain of continental US.
Dinosaur Discovery K	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Teaches pre-historic creatures.
Dinosaurs Are Forever	Merit	\$ 39.95		Draw, color, and print dinosaurs.
Discovery	MicroIllusions	\$ 39.95		Math or spelling space adventure.
Discovery Data Disks	MicroIllusions	\$ 19.95		Science, math, geography, etc.
Discrete Math	True BASIC Inc.	\$ 49.95		Math for computer scientists.
Dream is Alive	Tech Soft	\$ 19.99		Space shuttle slide show.
Early Math	Micro Ed	\$ 49.95		Teaches rudimentary skills.
Electricity	Queue	\$ 34.95		Explains electricity, magnetism, etc.
Elementary Bio.	Queue	\$ 34.95		Interactive tutorial on biology botany.
Elementary Bio. I	Queue	\$ 34.95		Introduction to biology, botany, zoology.
Elementary Bio. II	Queue	\$ 34.95		Detailed explanation of body's systems.
Elementary Chemistry	Queue	\$ 34.95		Learn about elements, compounds, etc.
Elementary Physics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Covers the physical states of matter, etc.
English as 2nd Lang.	Micro Ed	\$189.00		Interactive set contains digitized pictures.
First Letters, Words	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Letter identification.
First Shapes	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Shape and form identification for preschooler.
Fraction Action	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Use knowledge of fractions to escape.
Fraction Concepts	Micro Ed	\$ 79.95		Teaches primary concepts and skills to work.



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French	Queue	\$ 34.95		Levels I through XV sold separately.
Geographic Database	George Bailey	\$ 15.00		Geography information base about Australia.
Gerunds	Queue	\$ 34.95		Nature of the gerund.
Ghostly Grammar	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Instruction in the basic rules of grammar.
Good Samaritan	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Describes the Golden Rule and its inception.
Great Lakes Fur	Micro Ed	\$ 79.95		Early American history interaction.
How A Bill	Queue	\$ 49.95		Becomes A Law. Enter Congress.
How To Spell	Queue	\$ 39.95		Tutorial on principle of correct spelling.
How-To Addition	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Help students master up to 14 levels.
How-To Subtraction	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Master up to eight levels of subtraction.
Image Spinning	Micro Ed	\$ 49.95		Provides practice for creative writing.
In the Beginning	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Elementary: opening of the Old Testament.
In the Promised Land	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Conquest, settlement of Promised Land.
Infinitives	Queue	\$ 34.95		Nature and uses of infinitives.
IntelliType	Electronic Arts	\$ 49.95		Typing tutor for adults.
Intro. To Punct.	Queue	\$ 39.95		Covers proper use of punctuation.
Introducing Maps	Micro Ed	\$ 59.95		Teaches basic knowledge of geography.
Jet Instrument Train	Precision Appr.	\$ 89.95		Teaches complex instrument panel of jet.
Kid Talk	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Talking notebook teaches writing skills.
Kinderama	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Five early learning games.
Land of the Unicorn	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Educational program.
Learning More	Queue	\$ 59.95		About Words: covers vowels and consonants.
Learning the Alphabet	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Teaches children letters and develops skills.
Learning to Write	Queue	\$ 54.95		Basic components of a sentence.
Lesson In R & R I	Queue	\$ 39.95		Reading and Reasoning: fallacies in meaning.
Lessons In R & R II	Queue	\$ 39.95		Reading and Reasoning.
Lessons In R & R III	Queue	\$ 39.95		Reading and Reasoning: word meaning.
Lessons in R & R IV	Queue	\$ 59.95		Critical reading and reasoning.
Lewis and Clark	Micro Ed	\$ 89.95		50 digitized photos and drawings.
Life Skills	Queue	\$129.95		Reading I: grades 3 through 5.
Life Skills	Queue	\$129.95		Reading II: grades 5 through 8.
Linkword Languages	Artworx	\$ 29.95		Learn foreign languages: each sold separately.
Little Red Hen	Hilton Android	\$ 24.95		Robot Readers: expand vocabulary.
Logic Lab	VS Graphics	\$ 29.95		Teaches digital logic for circuit building.
Logic Master	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Solve analogy and number-series problems.
LOGO	Commodore	\$ 99.95		Educational computer language.
Magical Myths	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Mythology.
Making Our Constitution	Micro Ed	\$ 79.95		Digitized pictures track history.
Managing	Queue	\$ 44.95		The Sentence: covers kinds of sentences.
MasterType	Mindscape	\$ 14.95		Typing tutor.
Match-It	The Other Guys	\$ 39.99		Pattern recognition.
Math Odyssey	The Other Guys	\$ 49.95		Math function instructional program.
Math Talk	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Talking math tutor coaches basic math skills.
Math Talk Fractions	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Teaches fractions, decimals, and percents.
Math Wizard	Unicorn	\$ 49.95		Four games that teach math skills.
Math-A-Magician	The Other Guys	\$ 39.99		Learn math.
Mathematics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Word Problems for grade 7.
Mathematics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Word Problems for grade 3.
Mathematics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Word Problems for grade 5.
Mathematics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Word Problems for grade 8.
Mathematics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Word Problems for grade 6.
Mathematics	Queue	\$ 34.95		Word Problems for grade 4.
Mavis Beacon Teaches	Soft. Toolworks	\$ 49.95		Typing tutor.
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Medal Winner	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Teaches values to be used in mathematics.
Miniature Math	Learners Image	\$ 39.95		Miniature golf game teaches math.
Modifiers: Adjectives	Queue	\$ 34.95		Adverbs, interrogative adverbs, etc.
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New Tech Coloring	Bo Software	\$ 19.95		Color IFF pictures.
Nimble Numbers	Robin Hoare	\$ 29.75		Preschool to age 8: digitized speech teaches.
Noah's Ark	Hilton Android	\$ 29.95		Robot Readers: Expand vocabulary.
Noun Clauses	Queue	\$ 34.95		Function of the noun clause.
Nouns	Queue	\$ 39.95		Words Used As Names: recognizing nouns.
Nouns	Queue	\$ 34.95		Different kinds of nouns, capitalization, etc.
On the Line	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Fractions: identifying mixed numbers.
Package	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 3.
Package B	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 4.
Package BB	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 2.
Package C	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 5.
Package D	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 6.
Package E	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 7.
Package F	Queue	\$ 65.00		Remedial reading for grade 8.
Pail Green	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Fraction instruction through identifying.
Parking Lot	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Teaches value concepts.
Participles	Queue	\$ 34.95		Nature of verbals, forms of participle, etc.
Parting Shots	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Practice in writing fractions.
Parts of Speech	Queue	\$224.95		Complete series
Parts of Speech I	Queue	\$ 34.95		Nouns, pronouns, verbs, and verb phrases.
Parts of Speech II	Queue	\$ 34.95		Adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, etc.
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Pinball I.Q.	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Teaches identification of single-digit quotient.
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Practical Comp. III	Queue	\$ 44.95		Teaches selection of approach.
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Pronouns	Queue	\$ 34.95		Simple, compound, personal, etc.
Punctuation	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Teaches correct punctuation.
Punctuation Review	Queue	\$ 34.95		All punctuation marks.
Puzzle Storybook	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Children can design pictures to make puzzles.
R & T I	Queue	\$ 54.95		Reading and Thinking: grades 2 and 3.
R & T II	Queue	\$ 54.95		Reading and Thinking: grades 4 and 6.
R & T III	Queue	\$ 54.95		Reading and Thinking: grades 6 and 8.
Ratios, Proportion	Queue	\$ 29.95		Definition of ratio, how to express ratios.
Read & Rhyme	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Four language arts activities.
Read-a-Rama	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Reading game.
Reading Adventure	Queue	\$ 39.95		Adventure 1: 3 Ponies; 4 Friends.
Reading Adventure	Queue	\$ 59.95		Adventure 2: Case of the Lost Music Box.
Reading Adventure	Queue	\$ 59.95		Adventure 3: Switching Siblings.
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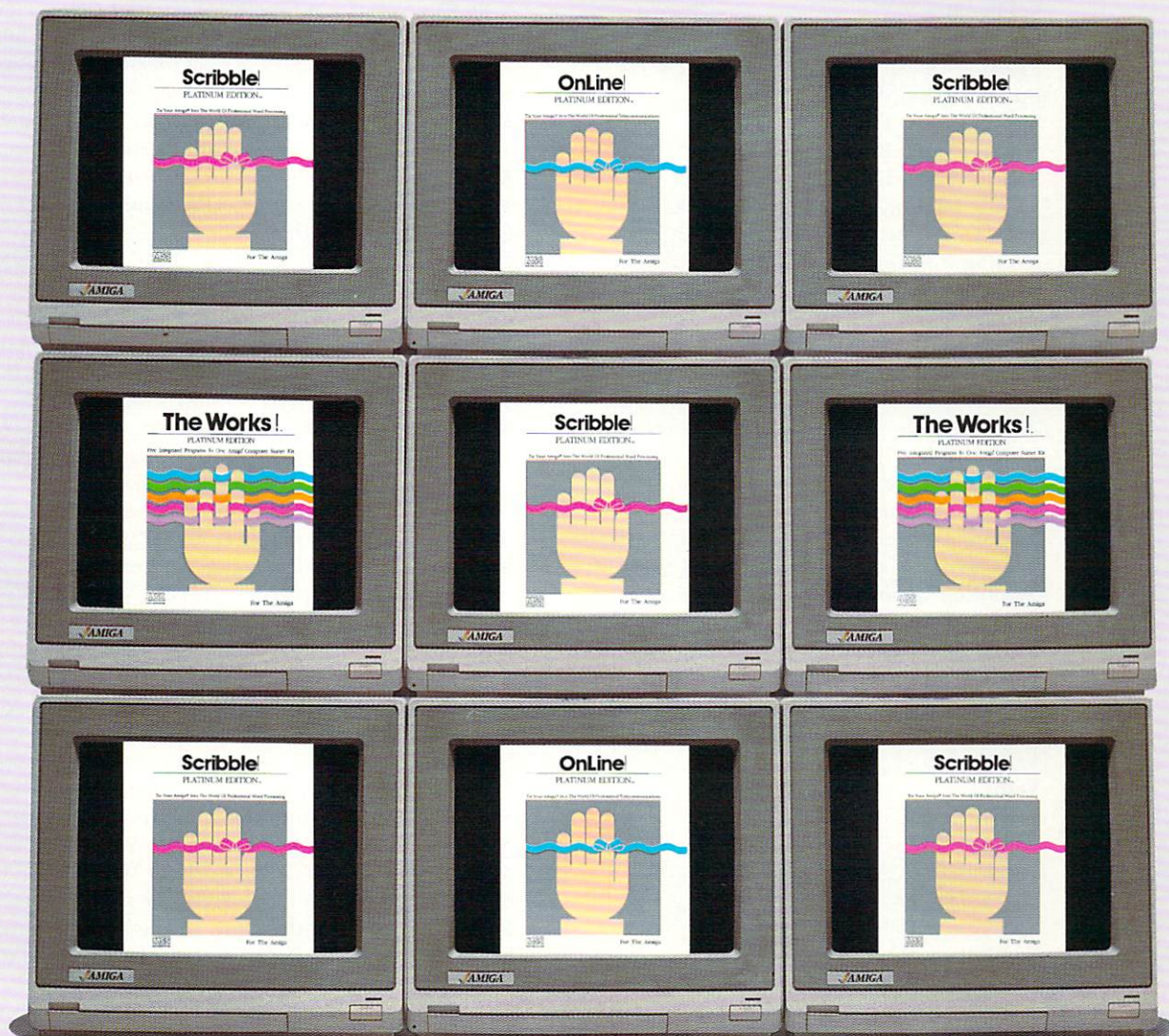
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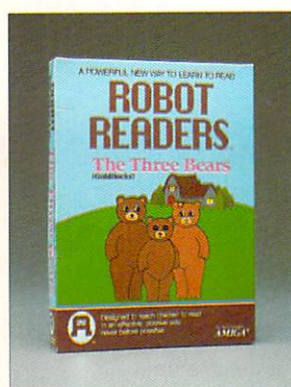


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Reading Comp.	Queue	\$ 65.00		Fifth Grade Reading Comprehension.
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Reading Comp.	Queue	\$ 85.00		Seventh Grade Reading Comprehension.
Reading Comp.	Queue	\$ 85.00		Eighth Grade Reading Comprehension.
Relationship	Queue	\$ 39.95		Words That Show A Relationship.
Remedial Series	Queue	\$425.00		Remedial Reading Comprehension Series.
Rhyming Notebook	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Rhyming dictionary for writers and poets.
Rounding/Estimating	Queue	\$ 29.95		Mathematics topics covered.
Save the Whales	Micro Ed	\$ 39.95		Learn about whales and their habitats.
Scare City Motel	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Learn to equate supply with demand.
Scientific Notation	Queue	\$ 29.95		Definition of scientific notation, etc.
Sentence Patterns	Queue	\$ 34.95		Different kinds of sentences, inverted order.
Sentences	Queue	\$ 34.95		Subject and predicate, complete subject, etc.
Sleepy Hollow	Jumpdisk	\$ 4.00		Text screen display with talking slides.
Smooth Talker	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Speech synthesizer reads written text out loud.
Social Studies Vocab.	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Elementary level social studies vocabulary.
Space Math	IntraCorp	\$ 49.95		Math concepts game.
Space Photos II	Signs Etc.	\$ 19.95		Pictorial history of the US space program.
Spanish	Queue	\$ 34.95		Grammar I through XI sold separately.
Spell M-O-N-E-Y	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Learn the definitions of basic economic terms.
Spellbound	Learners Image	\$ 39.95		Spelling instruction.
Speller Bee	First Byte	\$ 39.95		Three word games teach spelling.
Spelling	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Each grade level sold separately.
Spelling Detective	Micro Ed	\$ 39.95		Learn to spell 100 frequently misspelled words.
Sports Probs.	Queue	\$ 95.00		Complete Package.
Sports Probs. I	Queue	\$ 39.95		Math skills involve addition and subtraction.
Sports Probs. II	Queue	\$ 39.95		Covers multiplication, division, addition.
Sports Probs. III	Queue	\$ 39.95		High-interest word problems based on sports.
Sum-It Mountain	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Learn to add multiple figures.
Tales of the Arabian	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Classic literature.
Talking Coloring Book	JMH Software	\$ 29.95		Color recognition.
Tenses of Verbs	Queue	\$ 34.95		Covers the six tenses of verbs.
The Ad Game	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Learn to read a vertical bar graph.
The Bible On Disk	Micro Ed	\$ 99.00		6-disk set contains the King James Version.
The First Christmas	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Story of the nativity.
The Remarkable Puzzle	Signs Etc.	\$ 19.95		90 jigsaw-type puzzles based on behavior.
Three Bears	Hilton Android	\$ 29.95		Robot Reader: expand vocabulary.
Three Little Pigs	Hilton Android	\$ 29.95		Robot Readers: expand vocabulary.
Trackers Quest	CSS Inc.	TBA		Educational program.
Transcontinental Rail	Micro Ed	\$ 39.95		Digitized pictures of western rail expansion.
Trigonometry	True BASIC	\$ 49.95		Learn trigonometric concepts.
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Tumbling Geometries	CSS Inc.	TBA		Math instruction.
Typing Tutor + Word	Academy	\$ 34.95		Typing instruction and practice.
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Usage Boners	Micro Ed	\$ 49.95		Teaches to identify common usage mistakes.
Verb Voice	Queue	\$ 44.95		Tense And Mood: transitive and intransitive.
Verbs	Queue	\$ 39.95		Action And Linking Words.
Verbs: Voice	Queue	\$ 34.95		And Mood: active and passive, etc.
Vocabulary	Queue	\$ 49.95		For the World of Work I.
Vocabulary	Queue	\$ 49.95		For the World of Work II.
Vocabulary I	Queue	\$ 49.95		Adventure I: The Castle of Treasures.
Vocabulary II	Queue	\$ 49.95		Adventure II: the Labyrinth grade 6.
Vocabulary III	Queue	\$ 49.95		Adventure III: Marauders of the Lost Ark. ►

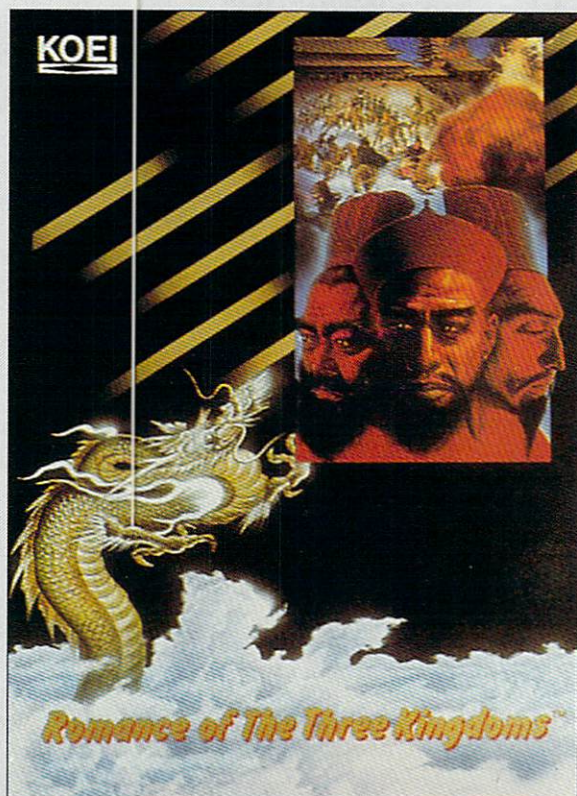


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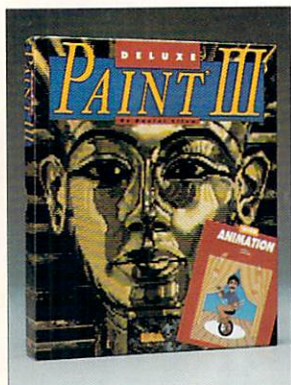
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Vocabulary Series II	Micro Ed	\$ 49.95		Work with words that have similar meanings.
Word Demons	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Deals with commonly confused sets of words.
Word Master Vocabulary	Unicorn Software	\$ 49.95		Learn new words.
Words That Sound Alike	Micro Ed	\$ 29.95		Elementary: learn to identify and spell.
Working with Sentence	Queue	\$184.95		Complete parts of speech series.
World Atlas	Centaur Software	\$ 59.95		Geographical information.
World Odyssey	The Other Guys	\$ 49.95		World geography instructional program.
Writing Skills	Queue	\$285.00		Complete series.

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PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
3-D Options	Rainbows Edge	\$ 89.95		Auto-tracing bitmapped pictures converts.
3-Demon	Mimetics	\$ 99.95	1MB	3-D object editor for Sculpt Animate, etc.
ACAD Translator	Access Tech.	\$179.95		Converts DXF files to Sculpt-Animate format.
Advanced Techniques	RGB Video	\$ 34.95		Deluxe Help's textures and backgrounds.
AlohaFonts V. 2	AlohaFonts	\$ 19.95		43 fonts from 16 to 84 points.
AlohaFonts V. 3	AlohaFonts	\$ 19.95		41 fonts from 16 to 99 points.
AlohaFonts V. I	AlohaFonts	\$ 19.95		Fonts and dingbats.
Analytic Art	Crystal Rose	\$ 59.95		Fractal art program.
ANIMagic	Sparta	\$279.00	1MB	Animation and editing; special effects.
Animate 3D	Byte by Byte	\$150.00		Animates ray-traced images.
Animation Station	Progressive	TBA	1MB	Opcode-5 standard ANIM editor.
Animation:Apprentice	Hash Enterprise	\$295.00	1MB	3-D shading, character animation.
Animation:Editor	Hash Enterprise	\$ 59.95		Format & Resolution Conversion.
Animation:Effects II	Hash Enterprise	\$ 69.95		ADO-like video effects.
Animation:Flipper	Hash Enterprise	\$ 59.95		Plays IFF pictures in ANIM standard.
Animation:Multiplane	Hash Enterprise	\$ 89.95	1MB	Digital compositor.
Animation:Rotoscope	Hash Enterprise	\$ 79.95	1MB	Traveling matte painting.
Animation:SoundTrack	Hash Enterprise	\$119.95	1MB	Sound/animation synchronizing & editing.
Animation:Stand	Hash Enterprise	\$ 69.95	1MB	Software version of a camera stand.
Animation:Titler	Hash Enterprise	\$ 79.95		Professional video titler.
Animator	Aegis	\$ 99.95		Polymorphic animation includes Images.
Apprentice Libraries	Hash Enterprise	\$ 19.95	1MB	Objects for Animator.
Architectural Library	Madrigal	\$ 89.95		Elevation parts and building modules in Aegis.
Architectural Library	Madrigal	\$ 89.95		Interior design furniture parts in Aegis CAD.
Architectural Library	Madrigal	\$ 89.95		Elevation parts and building modules.
Architectural Library	Madrigal	\$ 59.95		Interior design furniture parts in IFF paint.
Art Companion I	MicroSearch	\$ 29.95		People & Technology data disk.
Art Companion II	MicroSearch	\$ 29.95		Banners, Border & More data disk.
Art Companion III	MicroSearch	\$ 29.95		Brushes & Screens data disk.
Art Companion IV	MicroSearch	\$ 29.95		Holidays & Sports data disk.
Art Gallery I and II	Unison World	\$ 29.95		Clip art of divers subjects.
Art Gallery—Fantasy	Unison World	\$ 29.95		140 sword and sorcery graphics.
Art Parts	Electronic Arts	\$ 29.95		Volume I: 175+ color clip art.
Arts Parts #2	Electronic Arts	\$ 29.95		DeluxePaint data disk.
Award Maker Plus	Baudville	\$ 49.95		Creates awards and certificates.
BoardWalk Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		BoardWalk font in various sizes and styles.
Borders	The Dragon Group	\$ 34.95		Over 50 borders: Amiga Coloring Book.
Borders Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Font set with borders and outlines.
Broadcast Titler	InnoVision	\$299.95	1MB	Antialiased character generator.
Brummbar's Backgrounds	Soft. Sensations	TBA		Series of IFF-painted backgrounds.
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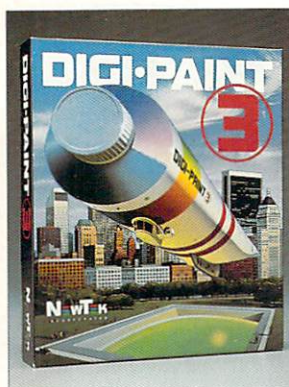
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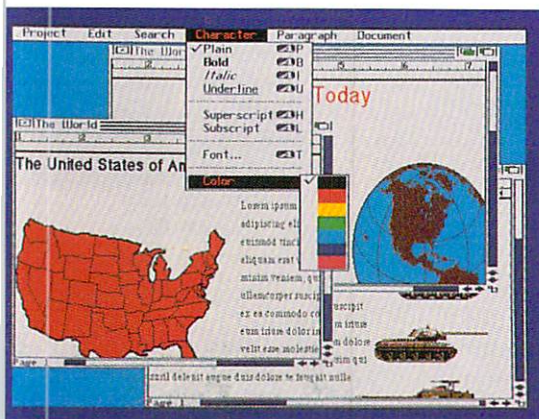


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Business Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 79.95		Two fonts in various styles.
Butcher	Eagle Tree	\$ 37.00		HAM to hi- to lo-res conversions.
Button and Badge Maker	Intracorp	\$ 59.95		Design and print buttons & badges.
CAD Parts	East-West Software	\$ 24.95		For use with IntroCAD or Aegis Draw 2000.
Calligari	Octree Software	TBA		Consumer version; video and design.
Calligari Professional	Octree Software	\$1995.00		Conceptual 3-D design and animation.
CalligraFonts/Asha's	InterActive Softworks	\$ 89.95	1MB	16-color and monochrome fonts.
CalligraFonts/Andre	InterActive Softworks	\$ 46.25	1MB	Newsletter fonts sized for dot-matrix printers.
CalligraFonts/Lion's	InterActive Softworks	\$ 89.95	1MB	Four disks of 150 fonts for presentations.
CalligraFonts/Novelty	InterActive Softworks	\$ 69.95	1MB	Ice, Pencil, Skyline, Swiss Cheese, Jade, Stars.
Calligrapher	InterActive Softworks	\$129.95	1MB	Professional font editor with 16 color fonts.
Cel Animator	MicroIllusions	\$149.95	1MB	Photon Video: professional cel animation.
Celtic Open Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Celtic Open font in various styles and sizes.
Classic Script Font	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Classic Script font in various styles and sizes.
Clip Art Disks 1-8	Magnetic Images	\$ 39.95		100+ hi-res images per disk, diverse subjects.
Clip Art Vol. I	Software Integ.	\$ 29.95		Oriental desktop art.
Clip Art Vol. II	Software Integ.	\$ 29.95		Marshall art disk.
Clip Art Vol. III	Software Integ.	\$ 29.95		Folk art data disk.
Clip Art Vol. IV	Software Integ.	\$ 29.95		Chinese fonts.
Comic Art Series	Gold Disk	\$ 34.95		Clip art for Comic Setter, sold separately.
Commercial Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 99.95		TRP and HVP fonts in upright italic.
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Deluxe Maps Vol. I	Computer Arts	\$ 25.00		US regional and state maps in IFF format.
DeluxePaint II	Electronic Arts	\$ 99.95		Paint program.
DeluxePaint III	Electronic Arts	\$149.00		Paint with animation: multi-cel and 3-D.
Deluxe PhotoLab	Electronic Arts	\$149.95		Enhance digitized images, move elements.
DeluxePrint	Electronic Arts	\$ 99.95		Make cards, banners.
DeluxeProductions	Electronic Arts	\$199.95		Hi-res video creation and presentation.
DeluxeVideo	Electronic Arts	\$129.95		Desktop video package with 27 special effects.
DeluxeVideo 1.2	Electronic Arts	\$129.95		Video animation titling and music.
Design 3D	Gold Disk	\$ 99.95		Wire frame modeling and rendering.
Design Disk	Antic	\$ 34.95		Clip art.
Desktop Artist	SunRize Ind.	\$ 29.95		Black-and-white clip art.
Diamond	Impulse	\$ 79.95		HAM paint program and image processor.
Digi-Paint 3	New Tek	\$ 99.95		HAM paint package.
DigiWorks 3D	Access Tech.	\$129.95		Converts digitized images for 3-D rendering.
Director	Right Answers Group	\$ 69.95		Animation sequencing.
Director Toolkit	Right Answers Group	\$ 39.95		Enhancement for The Director.
DMA Stereo Pair Libr	Seven Seas	\$ 24.95		Programming assistance and examples.
Doug's Math Aquarium	Seven Seas	\$ 89.95		Graphics representation of math formulas.
DPaint Art & Utility	Electronic Arts	\$ 29.95		Includes slide show.
Draw	Aegis	\$ 99.95		Entry-level design drawing.
Draw 2000	Aegis	\$279.95		Supports 68020 coprocessor.
Draw Plus	Aegis	\$259.95		2-D CAD program.
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eclipse	AlohaFonts	\$ 99.00		Structured clip art in ProDraw format.
Education Award Libr	Baudville	\$ 29.95		Hundreds of award styles for Award Maker.
Elan Performer	Elan Design	\$ 59.00		Access and display graphics.
Express Paint 3.0	PAR Software	\$139.95		Paint program that imports text.
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Fancy 3D Fonts	Access Tech.	\$ 79.95		Fonts for Turbo Silver and Sculpt Animate.
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Font Enhancer	InnoVision	\$ 99.95	1MB	For Broadcast Titrer, antialiased fonts.
Fonts & Borders	Unison World	\$ 34.95		20 type fonts of varied sized, 20 borders.
Forms in Flight	Micro Magic	\$ 79.00		3D drawing and animation.



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Wrap Text Around Pictures	✓		✓		
WYSIWYG Display	✓	✓	sometimes	✓	
Spelling Checker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mail Merge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Typing Speed	fast	slow	medium	slow	medium
Spell Check as You Type	✓	✓			
Simultaneous Text and Graphics Printing	✓		✓		
Automatically Adjust to Printer's Capabilities	✓				
PostScript Support	optional	✓			
Paragraph Sorting	✓				
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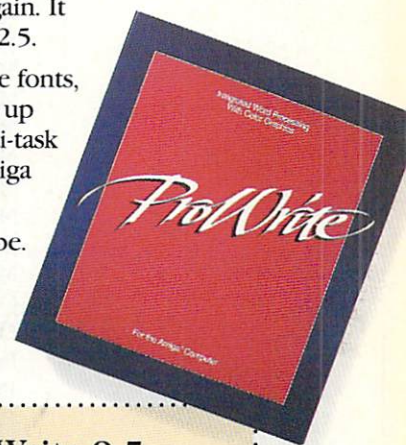


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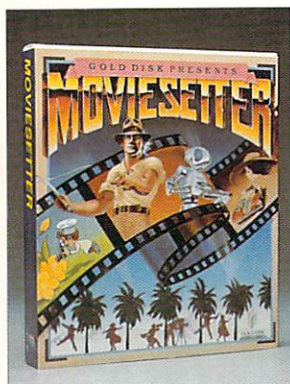
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Forms in Flight Conv	Syndesis	\$ 19.95		Share IFF files w other Interchange modules.
FractalPro	MegageM	\$ 89.95		AutoMag3.0 and HAMandel3.0 two-disk set.
Framegrabber Software	Progressive	TBA	1MB	New features for the popular Frame Grabber.
Grabbit	Discovery Software	\$ 29.95		Screen print and save.
Graphics Studio	Accolade	\$ 49.95		Paint program.
Graphics Tranformer	IMSI	\$ 89.00		Converts graphics file formats.
HAMandel 3.0	MegageM	\$ 49.95		Fractal art program w or w/out AutoMAG.
Headline Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 99.95		Headline-sized HVP, Celtic, Open, Board, etc.
Headlines 2	Kara Computer	\$ 69.95	1MB	4 hi-res dimensional color fonts in 2-3 sizes.
Help For DeluxePaint	RGB Video	\$ 49.95		Deluxe Help's interactive tutorial.
HomeBuildersCAD	EaseWare	\$199.00	1MB	3-D design and estimating system.
HomeBuilders Choice	EaseWare	\$ 81.00	1MB	Add-on for HomeBuilders CAD.
HomeBuilders Library	EaseWare	\$ 45.00		Add-on parts: library, kitchen cabinets.
HomeBuilders Print	EaseWare	\$117.00	1MB	HomeBuildersCAD add-on plotter interface.
Hometown, U.S.A	Publishing Int.	\$ 39.95		Design, build 15 structures for 3-D models.
HUGEprint	Hugh's Software	\$ 48.00		Mural printer.
Icon Paint	Hitension Comp.	\$ 30.00		16-color workbench for creating color icons.
Images	Aegis	\$ 39.95		Paint program.
Impact	Aegis	\$ 39.95		Business presentation graphics.
Interactor	Vivid Produce	\$ 79.00		Interactive graphics presentation system.
InterChange	Syndesis	\$ 49.95		Shares objects for 3-D modeling.
InterFont	Syndesis	\$119.95		Create fonts for use with 3-D animation.
InterFont Add-on Mod	Syndesis	\$ 79.95		Font-creation add-on for InterChange.
IntroCAD	Progressive	\$ 79.95		Drawing program.
Invision Plus	Elan Design	\$299.00	1MB	Real-time video effects and animation.
Kara Fonts Headlines	Kara Computer	\$ 79.95	1MB	Ten hi-res dimensional fonts in two sizes each.
Lights! Camera! Action!	Sparta	\$ 79.95	1MB	Slide-show and special effects generator.
LogicWorks	Capilano	\$149.95		Electrical schematic capture.
Lons Fonts	Micro Momentum	\$ 29.95		Interfont compatible font sets.
Masterpiece 3-D Font	ARock	TBA		Set of 3-D fonts: InterFont format.
Materpiece Fonts	ARock	\$199.00		Professional 20-disk font set.
Media Line Animation	Free Spirit	\$ 39.95		Selection of animation backgrounds.
Media Line Clip Art	Free Spirit	\$ 34.95		Over 200 clip-art pieces for use in desktop.
Media Line Font Disk	Free Spirit	\$ 34.95		Collection of structured fonts.
MediaBase	Interactive Micro	\$149.00		A/V presentations from video, etc.
MediaProcessor	Interactive Micro	\$149.00		Video production program, controls genlocks.
MiniVol. 1: Backdrops	Charles Voner	\$ 16.95		Mini-volume compiled from VV4 & VV1.
MiniVol. 2: Borders	Charles Voner	\$ 16.95		Mini-volume compiled from VV4 & VV1.
Modeler 3-D	Aegis	\$ 99.95	1MB	3-D object creation and modeling program.
Mondo Stereo	A-Squared	TBA		Stereo image (3-D) construction kit.
Movie Clips	Gold Disk	\$ 34.95		Collection of animation sequences.
Movie 1 or 2	MegageM	\$ 10.00		Mandelbrot animation from AutoMag 1.0.
Movie3	MegageM	\$ 10.00		Julia Set animation from FractalPro.
MovieSetter	Gold Disk	\$ 99.95		WYSIWYG animation.
Olde English Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Olde English fonts in various sizes.
Outline Fonts	Gold Disk	\$199.95		AGFA Compugraphic fonts for Pro Page.
PageFlipper	Mindware Int.	\$ 29.95		Cel animation utility.
Pageflipper Plus F/X	Mindware Int.	\$159.00		Cel animation editor/compiler.
PageRender 3D	Mindware Int.	\$159.95		3D rendering with ANIM generation.
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Photon Paint 2.0	MicroIllusions	\$149.95	1MB	HAM paint program.
Photon Paint Expansion	MicroIllusions	\$ 29.95		Wood and marble surfaces for Photon Paint.
Photon Video: EDLP	MicroIllusions	\$499.95		Edit Decision List Processor.
PhotoSynthesis	Escape Sequence	\$149.95		Image processing software.
PICK-MAGIC	Joe's First	\$ 85.00		Electronically imaged graphic art.
PIXmate	Progressive	\$ 49.95		Image enhancement.
Print Master Plus	Unison World	\$ 39.95		Print greeting cards and newsletters.
Pro Video CGI Font L	Shereff Systems	\$ 99.95		Pacific europa and computer fonts.



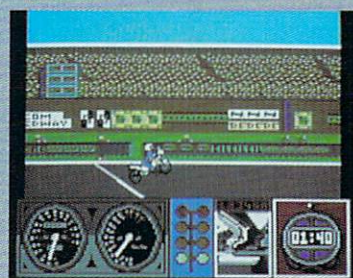
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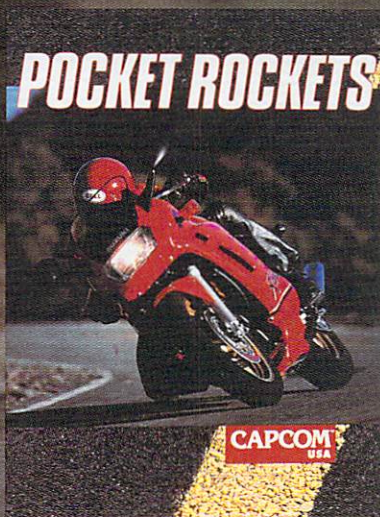
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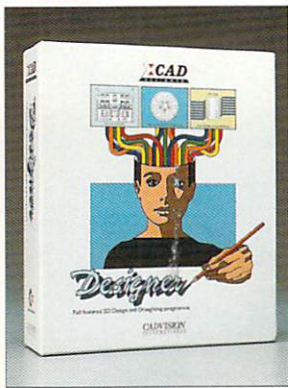


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Pro-Board Jr.	Prolific	\$149.00	1MB	PCB layout CAD program.
Pro-Drill	Prolific	\$ 99.00		Drill information for PCB layout.
Pro-Net	Prolific	\$495.00		Professional schematic capture CAD program.
Pro-Net Jr.	Prolific	\$149.00	1MB	Schematic capture CAD program.
Professional Draw	Gold Disk	\$199.95	1MB	High-powered graphic arts tool.
Professional Font	Classic Concept	\$ 74.95	1MB	Six disks Mono/Color fonts.
ProFonts I	New Horizons	\$ 29.95		Fonts package.
ProFonts II	New Horizons	\$ 29.95		Fonts package.
Programmer's ToolKit	Interactive Micro	\$149.00		Control infrared devices.
Pyre Script Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Pyre Script font in various sizes.
Quick-Art Borders	Classic Concept	\$ 44.95		Over 100 brush illustrations.
Sampler	The Dragon Group	\$ 34.95		Assorted IFF clip art: Amiga Coloring Book.
Sculpt 3DXL	Byte by Byte	\$ 99.95		Creates ray-traced graphics.
Sculpt-Animate 4D Jr	Byte by Byte	\$150.00		Consumer version of Sculpt-Animate 3D.
Seasons & Holidays	Electronic Arts	\$ 29.95		DeluxePaint data.
Secrets of an Artist	Seven Seas	\$ 24.95		Assistance and examples of programming.
Simple Script Font S	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Simple Script in normal bold.
SlideShow1	MegageM	\$ 10.00		HAMandel Mandelbrot Juliet Set images.
SlideShow2	MegageM	\$ 10.00		More HAMandel images.
Spheres1	MegageM	\$ 10.00		Slideshow of HAMandel images "wrapped."
Sports Award Library	Baudville	\$ 29.95		For use with Award Maker Plus.
Spritz	PAR Software	\$ 79.95		Low-end paint program.
Starships 2050	Polar Arts	\$ 39.95		Library of 3-D models includes digitized NASA.
Storybook Capitals	Classic Concept	\$ 24.95		Three disks of large brush fonts.
Subheads	Kara Computer	\$ 69.95	1MB	Hi-res uppercase 8-color fonts as headlines.
SuperFont Sampler 2.	Classic Concept	\$ 34.95		Two-disk set of small/medium fonts.
Talking Animator	JMH Software	\$ 49.95		Cel animator with overscan.
Terrain	Impulse	\$ 49.95		Fractal topography generator.
Titler	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		Art borders and backdrops for use with titling.
Transport Controller	MicroIllusions	\$299.95		Photon Video: drives single-frame.
Turbo Silver	Impulse	\$199.00		Ray-trace animation.
T.S. Module Pack	Syndesis	\$ 29.95		Add-on modules.
TV Graphics	Slide City	\$ 49.95		Video Graphics clip-art disk.
UltraCAD	Progressive	\$299.95	1MB	Full-scale high-end CAD.
Unity Roman Font Set	C Ltd.	\$ 49.95		Unity Roman in sizes of upright italic.
VedGen	Microft Software	\$149.95		Produces embossed background graphics.
Video & Headline Fonts	Classic Concept	\$ 44.95	1MB	Three-disk set of large mono/color fonts.
Video Effects 3D	InnoVision	\$199.95	1MB	3-D effects and animation.
Video Titler	Spartan	\$149.00		Video character and effects generator.
Video Visions: Animation	Charles Voner	\$ 59.95		3-volume package: VV2, VV3, VV6.
Video Visions: Program	Charles Voner	\$ 34.95	1MB	Animations edit and display program.
Video Visions: Titler	Charles Voner	\$ 79.95		Package of 4 volumes: VV1, VV4, VV5, VV7.
Video Wizard	Intracorp	\$ 29.95		Identifies blank spaces on video tapes.
Videoscape 3D	Aegis	\$199.95	1MB	3D video animation.
VIVA	MichTron	\$199.95		Visual Interactive Video Authoring.
VV2: 3-D Animator	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		3-D objects for animation.
VV3: 2-D Animator	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		Images for 2-D page flipping program.
VV5: Broadcaster	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		Images and parts for business-broadcast.
VV6: The Educator	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		History/geography, images and maps.
VV6: Videographer	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		Images for wedding-occasions subjects.
VV7: The Advertiser	Charles Voner	\$ 24.95		Products/symbols images disk, clip art.
VV8: Videomaker	Charles Voner	\$ 16.95	1.5MB	DPaint III compatible animated hi-res screens.
Weave-It	Joyce I. Peck	\$ 74.95		Create weaving patterns.
Weave-It Plus	Joyce I Peck	\$ 89.95		Weave-It with added utilities.
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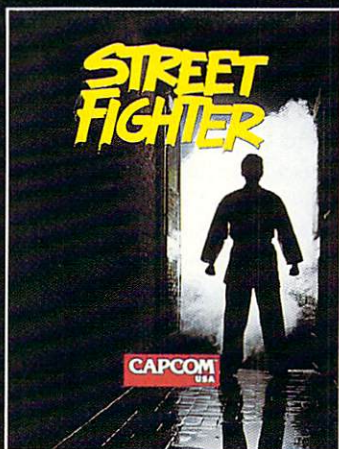
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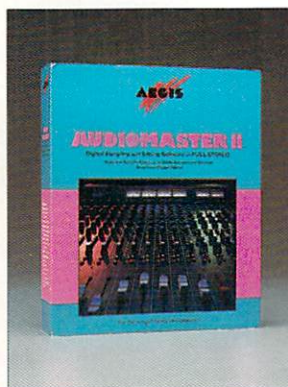


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X-CAD Designer	Cadvision Inter.	\$149.00	1MB	X-CAD improved upon.
X-Port	GrafX Computing	\$ 89.00		DFX to XCAD translator.
Zoetrope	Antic	\$139.95	1MB	Animation system.
Zuma Fonts Vol 1-3	Zuma Group	\$ 34.95		A different set of fonts in each volume.

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PRODUCT	COMPANY	PRICE	MEM	DESCRIPTION
Animation	WaveTable Tech.	\$ 18.50		Non-looping sounds.
AudioMaster II	Aegis	\$ 99.95		Digitized sample editor.
Bach Songbook	Dr. T's	\$ 29.00		Bach fugues and inventions.
Bars & Pipes	Blue Ribbon Bakery	\$250.00		Musical composition system.
Big Dollar Synth	WaveTable Tech.	\$ 18.50		Samples from studio-quality synthesizer.
C-Zar	Diemer Development	\$195.00		Casio CZ-1 101/1000 editor/librarian.
Caged Artist	Dr. T's	\$149.00		Patch editor/librarian series.
Christmas Classics	Free Spirit	\$ 14.95		Holiday music with scenes.
Composer Disks	WaveTable Tech.	\$ 18.50		30 samples/volume for Sonix.
Copyist Professional	Dr. T's	\$275.00	1MB	Music scoring and transcription software.
CZ	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor librarian.
CZ Master	Sound Quest	\$125.00		Editor/librarian, supports Casio CZ series.
CZ-Pat	CRB Productions	\$ 35.00		Editor/librarian for the Casio 101/1000.
D-10/20/110	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor librarian.
D50/TX802	Sound Quest	\$150.00		Edit D50 data.
D50 Voices	Dr. T's	\$ 49.00		300+ sounds for the D50 editor.
Deluxe Music	R. Shannon Dynamics	\$ 29.95		Tutorial and tools.
Deluxe Music Const. Set	Electronic Arts	\$ 99.95		Music editor and score printer.
DNA Music	Silver Software	\$ 19.95		Music based upon DNA molecule.
Dr. Drums	Dr. T's	\$ 29.00		MIDI drum patterns in KCS format.
Dr. Keys	Dr. T's	\$ 29.00		Keyboard patterns for KCS.
Drum Studio	DigiTek	\$ 29.95		Percussive composition program.
DWEL	Synthetic Reality	\$ 79.00		DW-8000 or EX-8000 editor librarians.
DX II	Sound Quest	\$175.00		DX Master plus 13 types of DX II Sys Ex data.
DX11-TX812	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor/librarian.
DX Master Editor, The	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Edits DX-7 DX-9 and TX data files.
DX Voices	Dr. T's	\$ 49.00		Sounds for the DX-7 in Dr. T's format.
Dynamic Drums	New Wave	\$ 79.95		Drum machine.
Dynamic Drums II	New Wave	\$ 79.95		Incorporate drum sounds and graphics.
Dynamic Studio	New Wave	\$199.95	1MB	Sequencer drum machine and event editor.
Editor Librarian	Dr. T's	\$149.00		Supports Roland D-10/110 synthesizers.
Editor Librarian Series	Music Soft	\$199.95		For use with MT32 synthesizer.
Editor/Librarian	Dr. T's	\$149.00		For use with Ensoniq ESQ-1 sequencer.
Editor/Librarian	Dr. T's	\$149.00		For use with Roland D-50 sequencer.
Editor/Librarian	Dr. T's	\$149.00		For use with Roland MT-52 sequencer.
Editor/Librarian	Dr. T's	\$149.00		For use with Yamaha DX7 sequencer.
Editor/Librarian	Dr. T's	\$149.00		Yamaha TX-81Z, FB01, DX100, DX27.
Editor/Librarian	MIDITalk	\$ 79.00		Editor/librarian for the Yamaha TX81Z.
Express Patch FB-01	Digitools	\$ 44.95		Voice editor for Yamaha FB-01.
EZ-CZ	New Wave	\$ 69.95		Patch editor for Casio CZ-series.
FB01	Sound Quest	\$125.00		Editor/librarian.
FB-01 DataFiler	Triangle Audio	\$ 60.00		Allows access to Yamaha FB-01.
Fractal Music	Silver Software	\$ 19.95		Music and graphics based upon fractals.
Grab Bag	E.C.T. Sampleware	\$ 18.00		Miscellaneous samples.
Guitar Chord Tutor	Synthetic Reality	\$ 39.00		Graphical interface, teaches guitar.
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Hot & Cool Jazz	Electronic Arts	\$ 29.95		Music data disk.
Hyperchord	Hologramophone	\$129.00		Music Exploration Kit: music environment.
Instant Music	Electronic Arts	\$ 49.95		Play music with mouse.
It's Only Rock 'N Roll	Electronic Arts	\$ 29.95		Instant Music songs.
K1 Quest	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor/librarian.
KCS V1.7	Dr. T's	\$249.00	1MB	Keyboard Controlled Sequencer.
Level II	Dr. T's	\$349.00	1MB	Advanced and enhanced version of KCS.
Lucy Scale	Lucy Scale Dev.	\$ 48.00		Music understanding package.
M1	Sound Quest	\$175.00		Editor/librarian.
M for the Amiga	Intelligent Music	\$199.00	1MB	Interactive composition and performance.
Master Librarian, The	Sound Quest	\$125.00		Edit Sys Ex data from MIDI equipment.
Matrix 6/1000	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor/librarian.
Mellotron	WaveTable Tech.	\$ 18.50		Original Mellotron voices.
MIDI Delay	Triangle Audio	\$ 50.00		Delays MIDI data with real-time control.
MIDI Magic	Circum Design	\$149.95		MIDI sequencer.
MIDI Recording Studio	Dr. T's	\$ 69.00	1MB	8-track version of KCS.
MIDI Sample Wrench	dissidents	\$279.00		Works with 16-bit CD-quality sounds.
MIDI-Mice	Tensor Productions	\$ 85.00		Control programs from MIDI instruments.
MidiVU	Diemer Development	\$ 39.95		MIDI monitor, one-track recorder.
MT-32 Quest	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor/librarian.
Multi Quest	Sound Quest	\$175.00		Bank editor/librarian.
Music Mouse	Aesthetic Engineering	\$ 79.95		Turns your system into an instrument.
Music Studio	Activision	\$ 79.95		Music editor: supports MIDI devices.
Music-X	MicroIllusions	\$299.95		Manipulate scores; control MIDI devices.
OPUS-1 MCL	Ariadne	\$ 99.95		Music composition language.
Orchestral Disk	E.C.T. Sampleware	\$ 18.00		Orchestral IFF and Mimetics samples.
Pattern Splatter	Mimetics	\$ 49.95		Arpeggiation and composition module.
Peggy	Triangle Audio	\$ 50.00		MIDI arpeggiator.
Performance	Pregnant Badger	\$179.95		Database for performing musicians.
Pixound	Hologramophone	\$ 49.00		Musical screen interpreter.
ProSound Designer	Precision	\$159.95		Sound sampler.
Protein Music	Silver Software	\$ 19.95		Music based upon 20 amino acids.
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Quasar Sound	Centaur	\$ 59.95		stereo sampling/sound editing.
Quest Sequencer	Sound Quest	\$150.00		Texture version.
Real Brass	WaveTable Tech.	\$ 18.50		Brass instruments digitally recorded.
Rock Disk	E.C.T. Sampleware	\$ 18.00		Rock samples.
SAM series	A.M.S.	\$239.00		Data acquisition system.
Sonix	Aegis	\$ 79.95		Synthesizer and note editor.
Sonix Data Disks	True Light Software	\$ 34.95		Collection of digitized sounds.
Sonix SoundTrax I & II	Aegis	\$ 19.95		Interactive songs for use with Sonix.
Sound Lab Amiga	Blank Software	\$295.00		Edit sampled sound from Ensoniq Mirage.
Sound Oasis	New Wave	\$ 99.95		Reads Mirage sample disks.
SoundScape Pro	Mimetics	\$179.00	1MB	MIDI Studio 1.4: sequencer.
SoundScape System	Mimetics	\$375.00	1MB	Utilities I, sampler, MIDI interface.
Soundshop	Revolution Software	\$ 49.95		Create and edit waveforms.
Soundshop 2.0	West Chester Software	TBA		Sound sample and SMUS music editor.
SpeakerSim	dissidents	\$112.00		CAD package for designing loudspeakers.
SQ-80/ESQ	Sound Quest	\$145.00		Editor/librarian.
SQ-80 Quest	Sound Quest	\$150.00		Ed./lib. for Ensoniq SQ-80/ESQ-1/ESQ-M.
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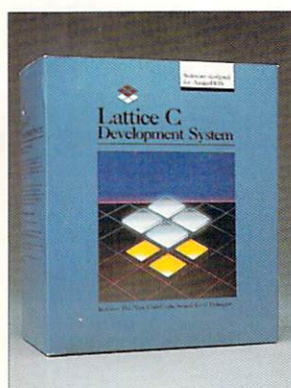
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Bible On Disk	Don Keiffer	\$ 59.95		Complete bible on disk.
BowlMaster	Software Ingenuity	\$ 34.95		Personalized bowling score keeper.
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Common LISP Interpreter	McCauley	\$ 99.95		Includes 335-micro special forms.
Desktop Budget	Gold Disk	\$ 69.95		Icon-based personal finance program.
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FreD	Gramma Software	\$ 49.95		Index and automatic telephone dialer.
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Home I	Software Visions	\$ 39.00		Templates for Microfiche Filer.
Home Inventory Manager	SunSmile Software	\$ 29.95		Personal inventory.
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Investor's Advantage 2.0	Software Advantage	\$ 99.95		Analysis tool for stock selection, etc.
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MicroLawyer	Progressive	\$ 59.95		Standard legal templates and forms.
Momentum Check	Micro Momentum	\$ 29.95		Check book management program.
Momentum Mail	Micro Momentum	\$ 29.95		Mailing list management program.
NAG Plus	Gramma Software	\$ 79.95		Schedule assistant that verbally reminds.
Nutri-FAX	Meggido Enterprises	\$ 59.95		Analyzes recipes for common nutrients.
Phasar	Antic	\$ 89.95		Finance package.
PowerMaster	Complications	\$ 22.00		Interface A2000 fixtures, appliances.
Recipe-FAX	Meggido Enterprises	\$ 39.95		Adjust recipe yields.
Securities Analyst	Free Spirit	\$ 79.95		Stock charting and analysis program.
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Tax Break	Oxxi Inc.	\$ 79.95		Personal tax preparation.
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A/C Basic	Absoft	\$195.00		BASIC compiler.
A/C Fortran	Absoft	\$295.00		Fortran 77 compiler.
Advanced String Library	True BASIC	\$ 69.95		String handling routines.
Adventure Workshop	SunRize Industries	TBA		Game development language.
AiRT Programming Lang.	PDJ Software	\$ 64.95		Icon-based programming language.
Amiga FFT C Package	ACDA	\$152.00		Fast Founier Transform routines.
AmigaDOS C Dev. System	Lattice	\$300.00		C compiler and utilities.
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APL 68000	Spencer Organization	\$149.00		APL for the Amiga.



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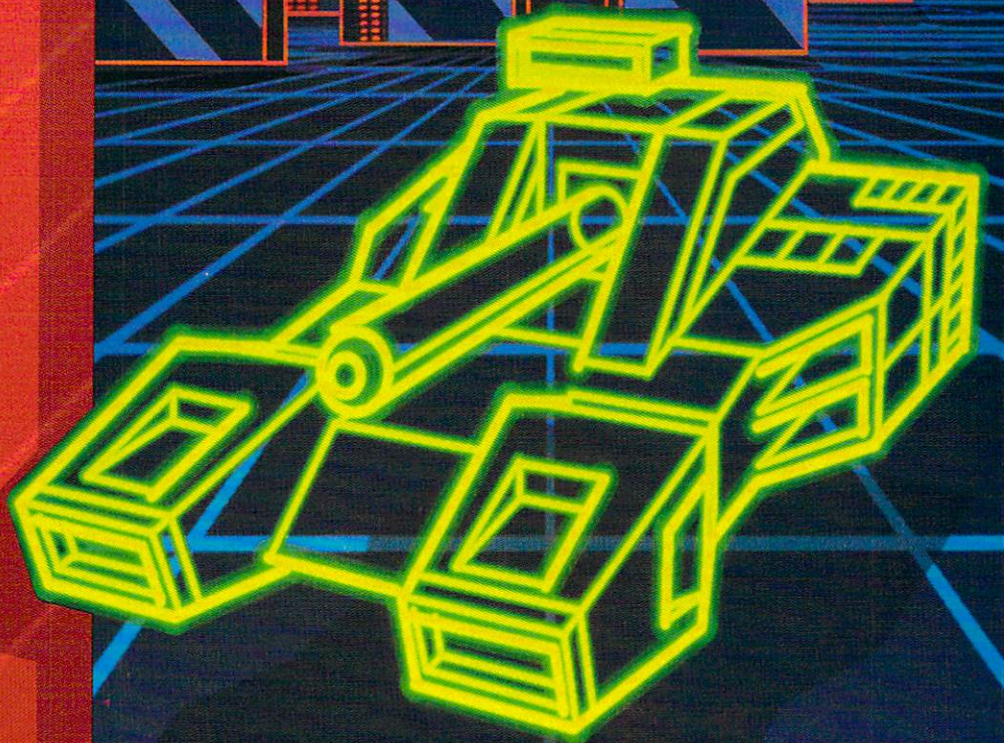




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AssemPro	Abacus	\$ 99.95		Language development system.
Aztec C68k/Am-d	Manx Software	\$299.00		C development system.
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C.A.P.E.	INOVAtronic	\$ 89.95		Complete Assembler Programming Environ.
CADS	Future Computer	\$149.95	1MB	Simplifies construction of C statements.
Cambridge LISP	Metacomco	\$199.95		AI language.
CanDo	INOVAtronic	\$149.95	1MB	Audio/visual authoring system.
CB Tree 3.01	Peacock Systems	\$195.00		Record indexing system.
Communications Library	Essential Software	\$185.00		Functions for X-modem timer and keyboard.
Communications Library	Lattice	\$250.00		Set of C functions.
Compiler Companion	Lattice	\$100.00		Ten utilities for programming.
Conversation	Jenday Software	\$ 34.50		Amiga Basic demos and source code.
Cross Compiler	Lattice	\$750.00		Includes C compiler and debugger.
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Developer System	Manx Software	\$399.00		Includes SDB Aztec Shell C Compiler.
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Developer's Toolkit	True BASIC	\$ 69.95		Amiga-specific True BASIC libraries.
Devpac AMIGA	MichTron	\$ 99.95		Assembly language.
DSM 1.0D	OTG Software	\$ 67.50	1MB	MC68000 disassembler.
Essential Graphics	Essential Software	\$250.00		Graphics routines.
Extend	SunSmile Software	\$ 39.95		Amiga Basic command extension.
F-BASIC 2.0	Delphi Noetic	\$ 89.95		An enhanced, compiled BASIC language.
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M2Sprint	M2S	\$385.00		Modula-2 compiler.
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Metascope The Debugger	Metadigm	\$ 95.00		Examine and change executable code.
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PROFASM65	RockLogic	\$ 39.95		6502 cross assembler.
QEDit	Subliminal Software	\$ 30.00		Programming editor.
Quelo Cross Assembler	Avocet Systems	\$750.00		Transfer code: supports 68000-010.
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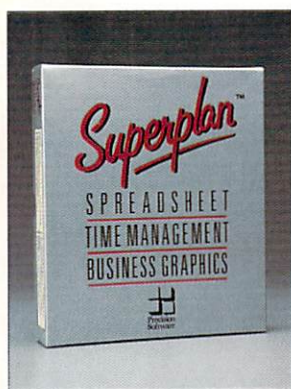
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ToolBox 1	Pecan Software	\$449.95		Debugger, applications services, etc.
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MaxiPlan 3.0	Intuitive Tech.	\$249.95	1MB	With graphics capabilities and database.
Q-2-Q	Banana Software	\$ 49.95		Idea spreadsheet.
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Custom-BBS! 2.7	Celestial Data	\$100.00	1MB	Customizable bulletin-board system.
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Middleman II	Benaiah Computers	\$149.95		Tekronix 4105 color terminal emulator.
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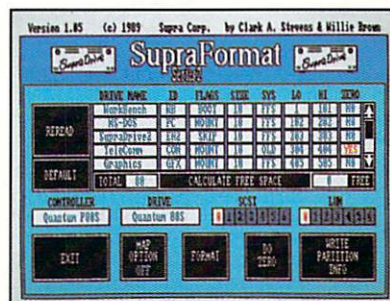
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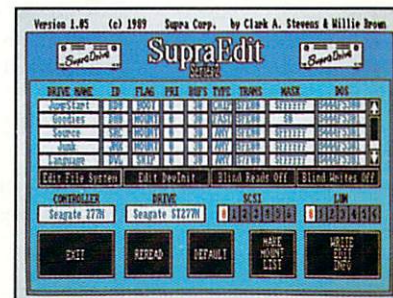
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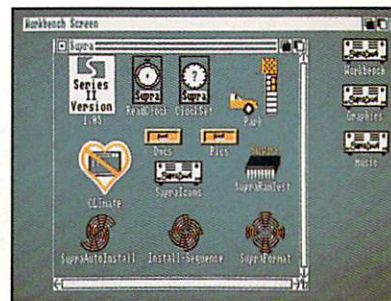
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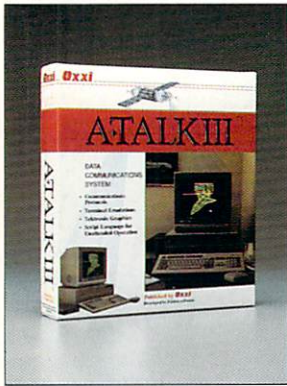
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AmigaDOS Express	Bantam Software	\$ 29.95		Disk-based AmigaDOS manual.
AmigaDOS Toolbox	Abacus	\$ 59.95		Collection of utilities.
AutoKick 1.3	DigiSoft	\$ 29.95		Upgrade kit.
B.A.D.	Centaur	\$119.00		Disk optimizer.
BOBshop	Revolution Software	\$ 49.95		Create and edit GELs.
Calligrapher	Inter/Active Softworks	\$100.00		Colorfont design package.
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CygnusEd Pro	ASDG	\$ 99.95		Editing utility.
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ExpressCopy	Express-Way	\$ 44.95		Hard disk backup.
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FACC II	ASDG	\$ 34.95		Disk performance enhancer.
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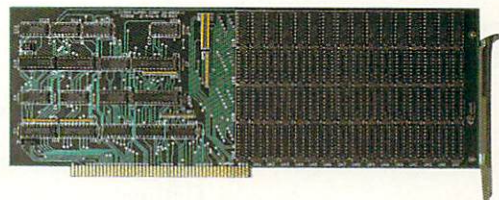
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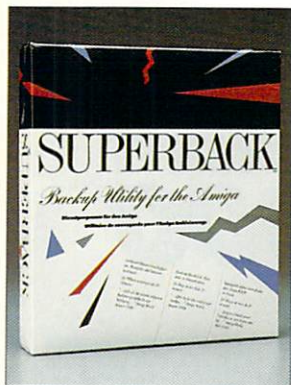
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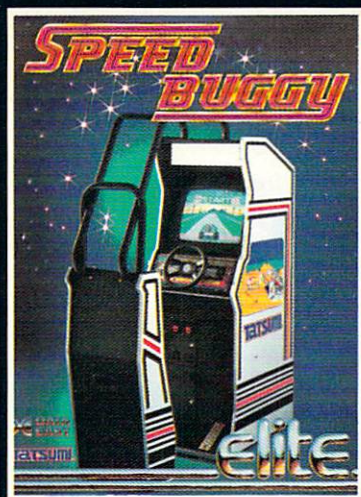


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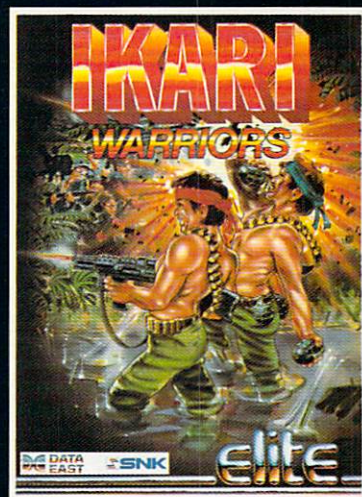
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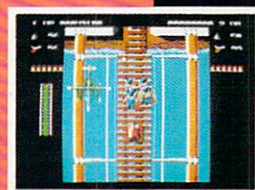
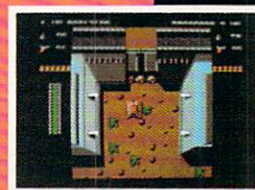


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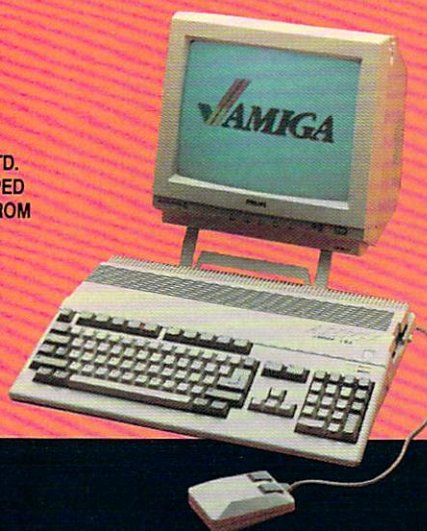
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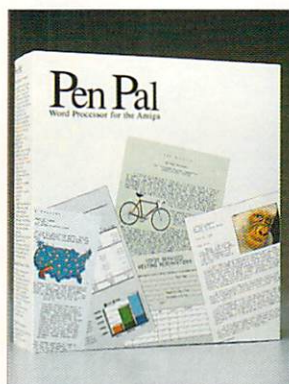
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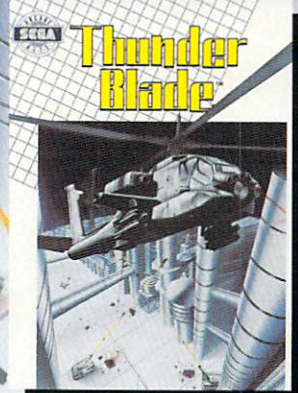
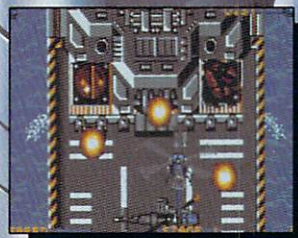
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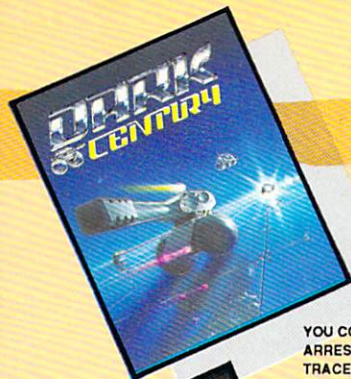
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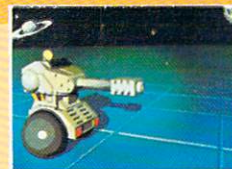
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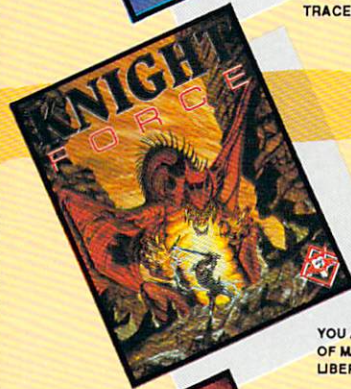
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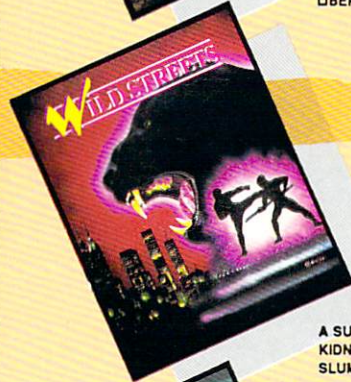


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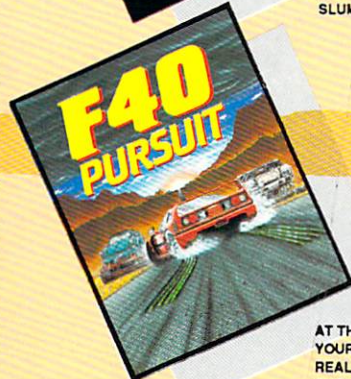
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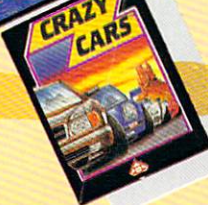
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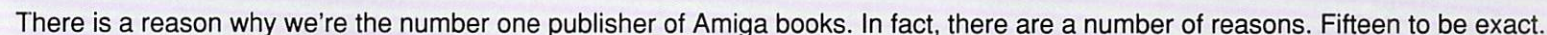
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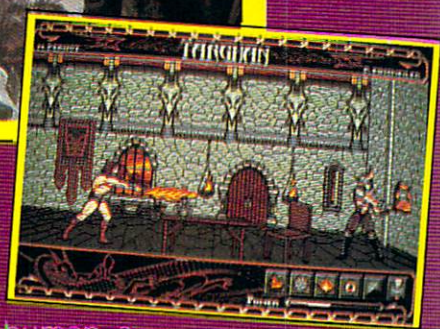


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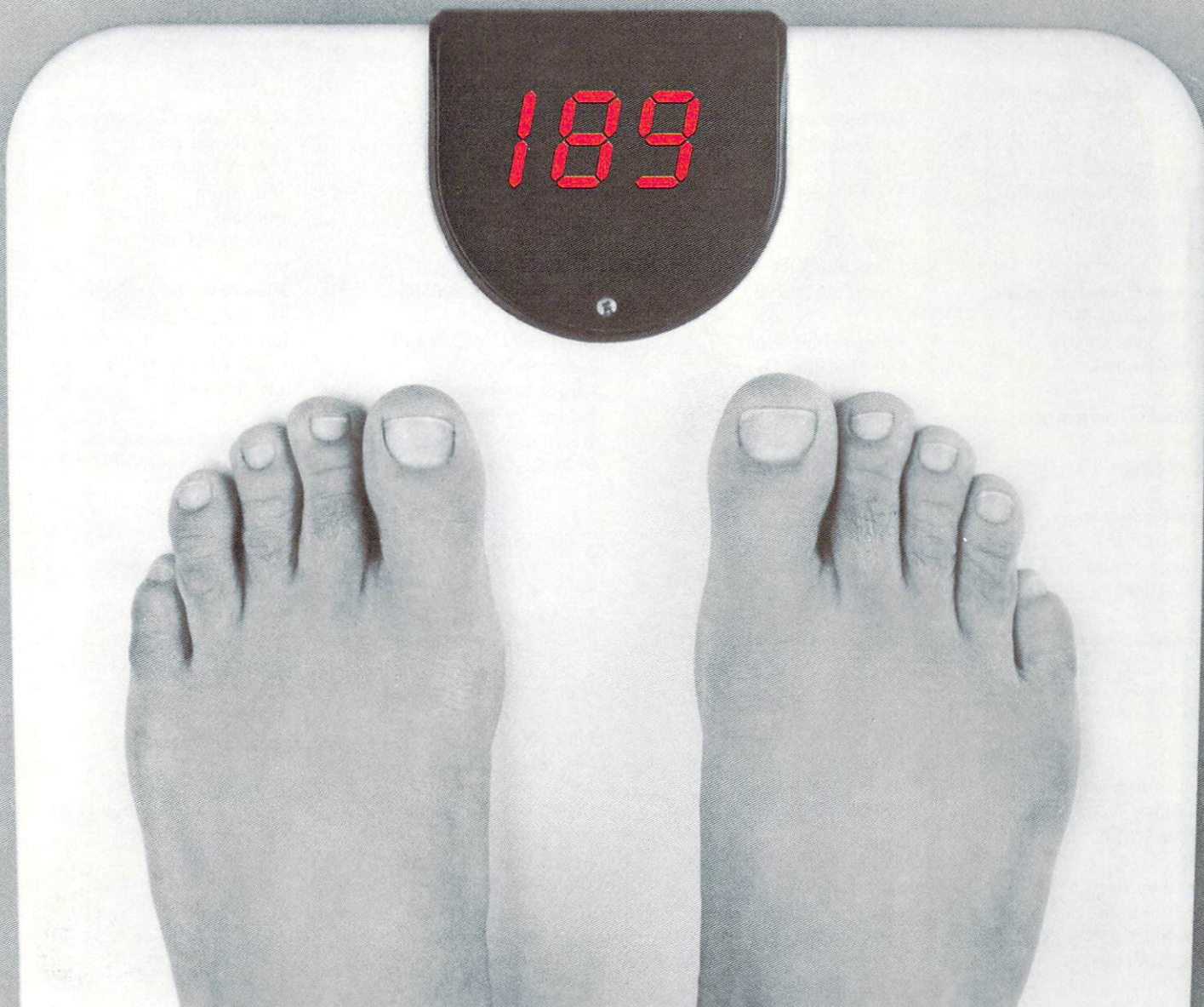
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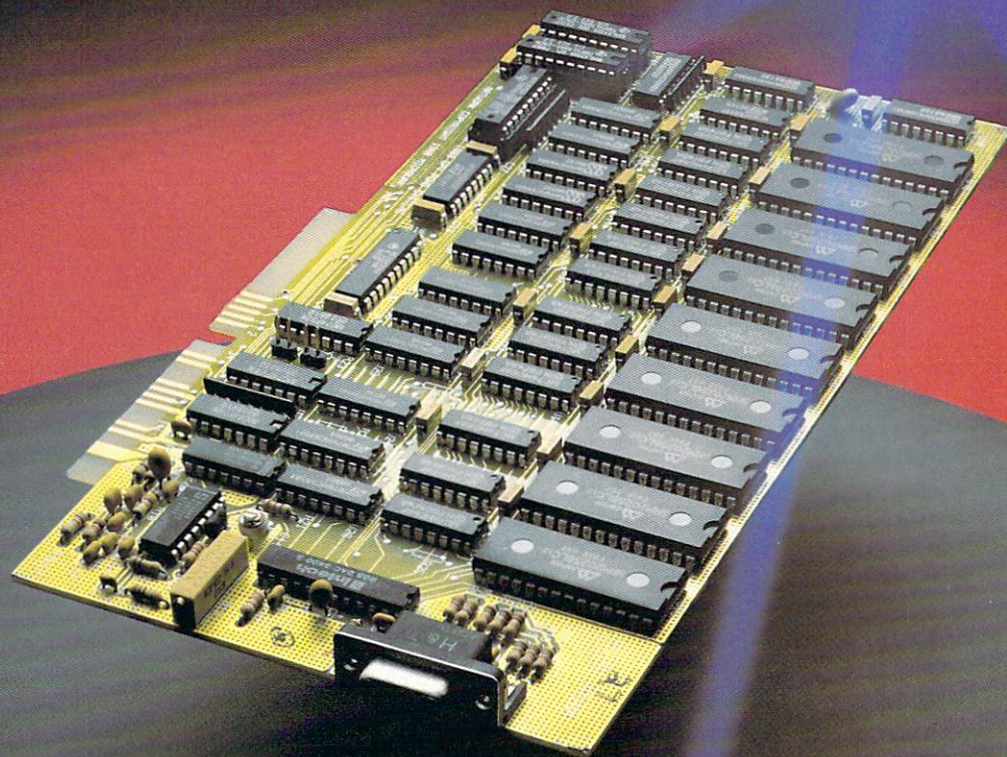
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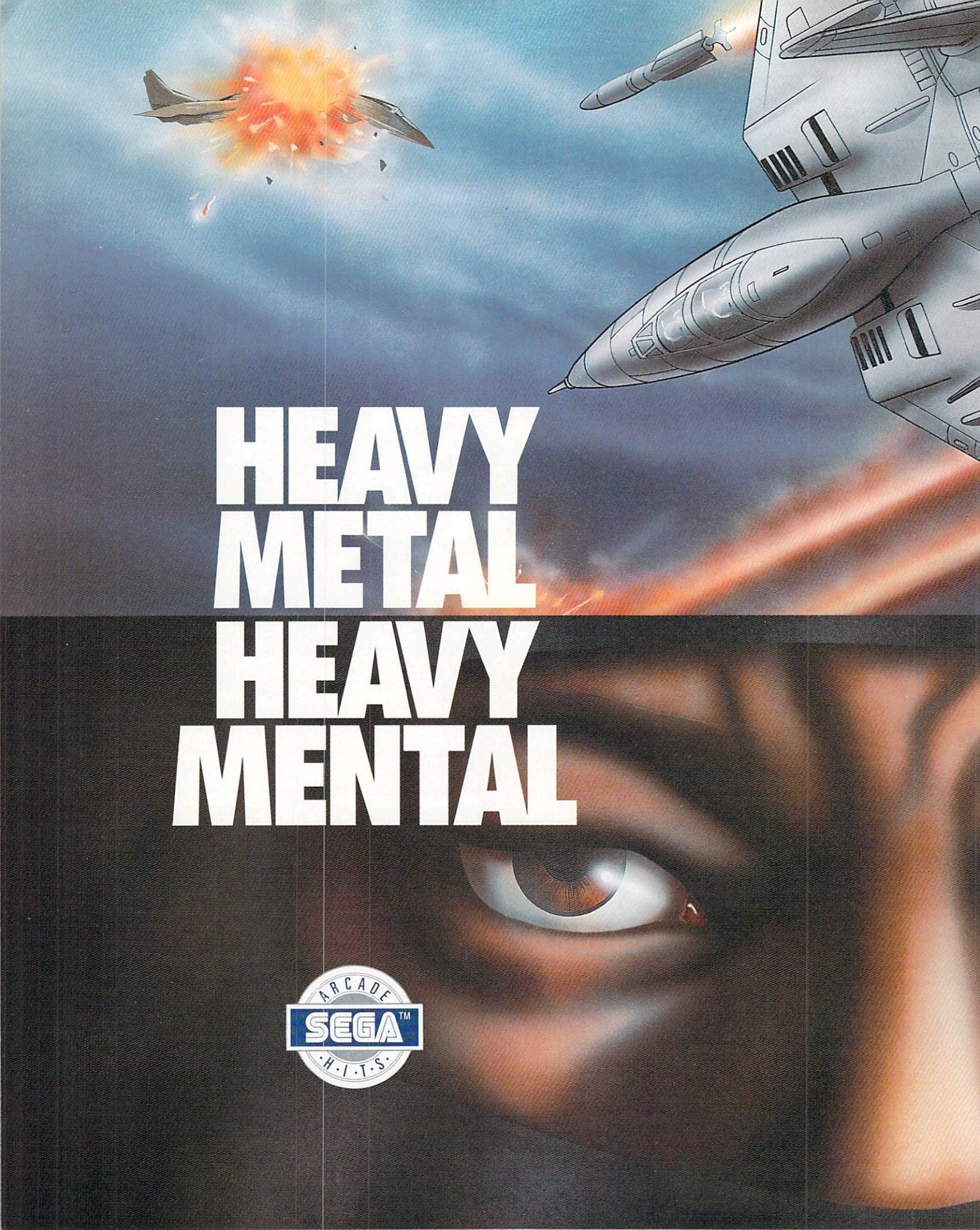
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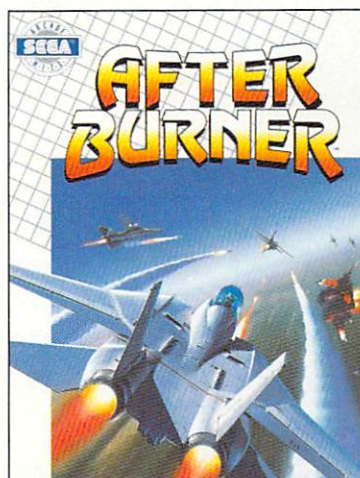


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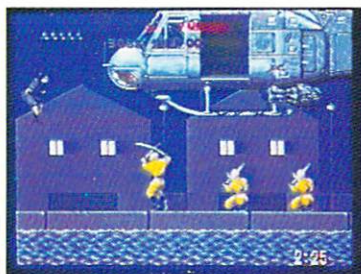
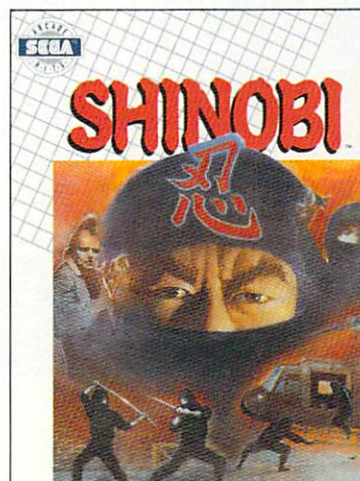
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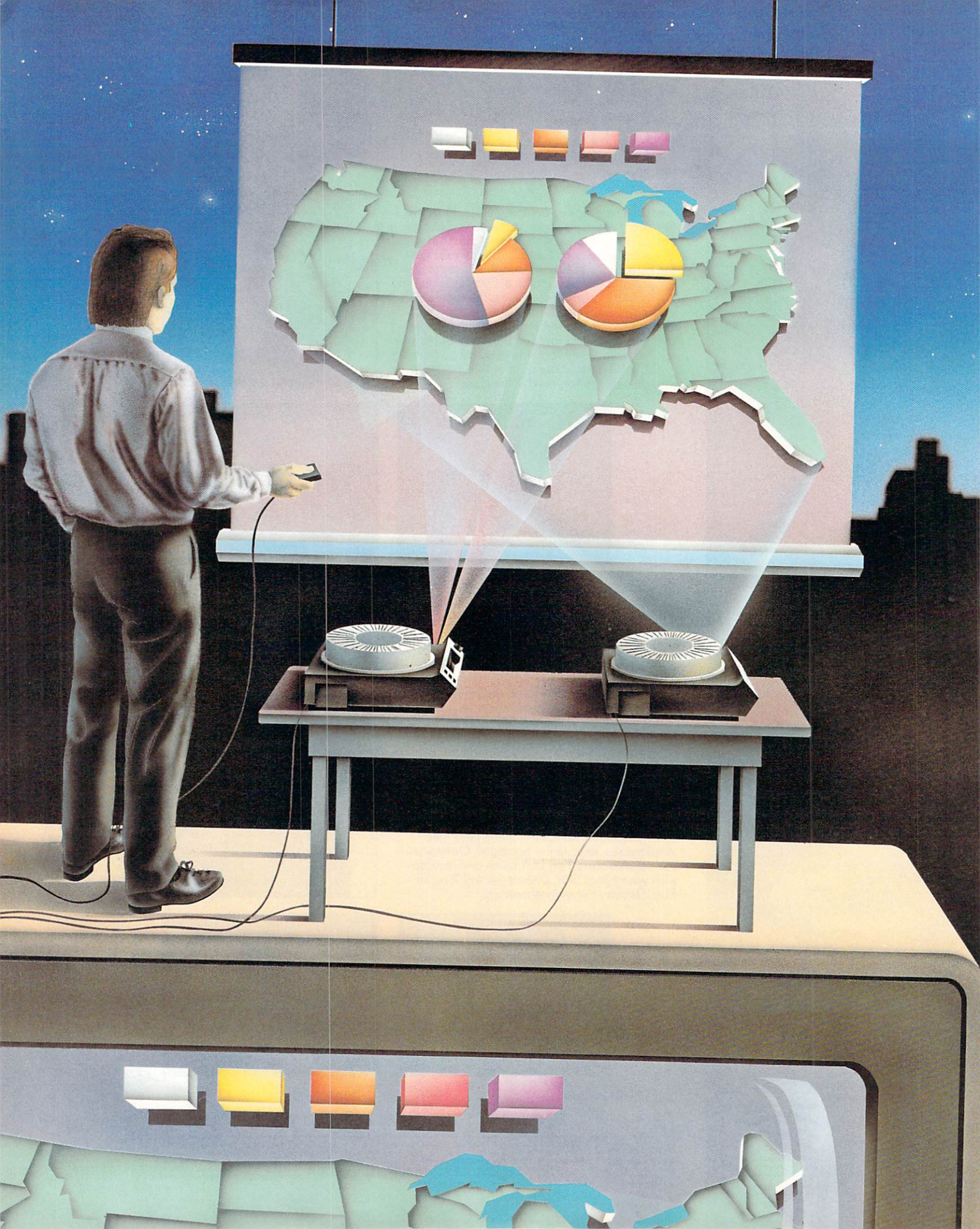
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# Your Best Image

*With a little coaching and the right equipment, you can use your Amiga to create a high-quality multi-projector slide-show presentation at reasonable cost for almost any business or professional purpose.*

By Geoffrey Williams



**C**onsider the irony: Although the Amiga shines as a tool to create top-drawer video and interactive presentations, most businesses still rely on slide-show projectors for their presentations—thus wasting many of the benefits of convenience, cost-effectiveness, and quality that this personal-computer solution has to offer. Result: If you need to create presentations for your company or professional organization, or provide such a service for others, you're pretty much compelled to create a traditional slide show.

Frustrating? Yes—but no reason to throw in the towel and abandon your Amiga. With the right basic knowledge, you can put your Amiga to work to create excellent slide graphics and to help you plan and develop effective slide-show presentations.

## **MULTI-PROJECTOR PRESENTATIONS: SOPHISTICATED POWER**

Using a single projector may still be common for small or informal presentations, but shows for larger

groups use from three to several dozen projectors, all synchronized by a controller. The same audiotape that contains the musical score and sound track usually has a separate track reserved for audio tones that control each projector to tell it how long to show each image and what type of transition (bang, fade, dissolve) to use.

The sequence of events is programmed on a special computer that converts the sequence information into such audio tones. This is a fairly sophisticated process, and although there is a hardware/software package to do this on the Amiga available in Germany, as of this writing nothing similar exists in the US. You will usually have to go to a service house (found under "Audio-Visual" in the Yellow Pages) that will do the programming for you for around \$50 an hour. They will type the timings and transitions into something very similar to a spreadsheet, and they usually have all the projectors set up so that the show can be tested with the slides (and with music, if you have it).

It is well worth your time to look at the way the service bureau's computer is set up before you begin putting your show together. You may be able to create something very similar in a spreadsheet, which will allow you to make changes and play around with it ►



while keeping accurate track of timings. You can then print out the spreadsheet so that the programmer has an accurate and easy-to-follow list. This will save you a lot of money, as simple errors can take a lot of additional programming time to fix.

### CREATING SLIDES ON THE AMIGA

Professional slide services usually create slides with very high resolution, far higher than the Amiga can display. The Amiga can produce excellent slides, but

of Digi-Paint 3 (NewTek, \$99.95) is its ability to automatically anti-alias any font, and as you can see from Figure 2 (top), it does a good job. The enlargement to the left shows how the extra colors are added (in this case, two shades of gray). This is currently the only paint program to offer this feature, making it very handy for slide work. Because anti-aliasing does require extra colors, using a HAM (Hold-and-Modify) program to create your slides may give you the best results.

You can also obtain anti-aliased text by using a character generator. All of the professional versions offer this feature. Figure 2 (bottom) shows how Pro Video Gold (Shereff Systems, \$299) anti-aliases text using a single, user-adjustable color. You can import IFF backgrounds and save the entire image with text as an IFF file—although you can use only the program's custom fonts in this way. As of this writing, Broadcast Titler (InnoVision Technology, \$299.95) has a similar restriction, although a module to transform any font into an anti-aliased font the program can use may be available by the time you read this. Broadcast Titler cannot save images as IFF files and does not multitask, so it will not work with the Polaroid Palette.

I would also suggest picking up the entire set of Kara Fonts (Kara Computer Graphics), as they are indispensable to anyone creating slides, and most of them are so well designed they need no anti-aliasing.

### FROM SCREEN IMAGE TO FINISHED SLIDE

The next step in the process is to turning the Amiga image into a slide. The least expensive method is to take a photograph of the screen. Expert Jim Sachs recommends shooting in a darkened room from at least ten feet away. Using a zoom lens will flatten out the picture and reduce monitor curvature. Turn down the brightness and contrast on the monitor to

## Getting Started

# Storyboarding Your Show

**PLANNING IS CRITICAL** to the success of a multi-projector slide show, and it is common practice to create a storyboard that shows visually the sequence of events along with text describing the action. This is normally done by hand by an artist, but I have used the Amiga instead. I have my artist prepare roughs of the images we are going to create using DeluxePaint (Electronic Arts, \$149.95). We also do sketches for the photographs we will shoot on location, again using DeluxePaint or digitizing from sketches already created. I have devised a storyboard template in Professional Page (Gold Disk, \$395) with boxes for the images and boxes for text directly below them. I then add the text and import my images into the boxes. The printed result provides a very professional-looking storyboard, and because the printed images are much smaller than the originals, "jaggies" are reduced considerably. Changes are easy to make, and it also serves as a visual shooting script. —GW

you will need to use anti-aliasing, which is the same technique used in video to create an apparently higher resolution than is possible to display on a normal television set. By adding shades of a lighter color around the areas in which jaggies appear, the image will look smoother to the eye.

You can anti-alias an image by hand, or use a program that will do it for you. DeluxePaint III will apply anti-aliasing to any brush when you use Perspective mode. Reduce the size of the brush with High Anti-Aliasing turned on in the Perspective mode. You may have to experiment a bit, however, because results can be a little unpredictable. (See Joel Hagen's "Accent on Graphics" column, p. 42, in the February '89 issue of *AmigaWorld*, for hints on several other DeluxePaint smoothing techniques.) Another easy technique to decrease jaggies is to outline a brush in different colors. Figure 1 shows two different outlines used to smooth out text. DeluxePaint III has an automatic outlining capability.

Smooth-looking text is critical, as it is often the most important part of a slide. One of the features

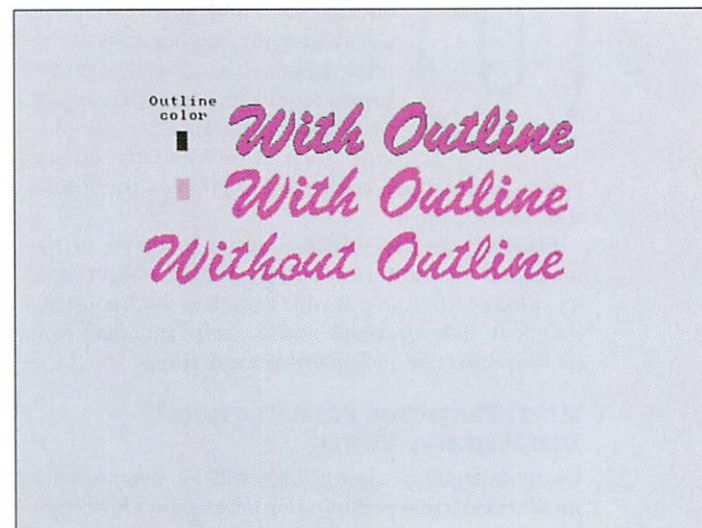


Figure 1. Outlining a brush in different colors is one way DeluxePaint III can anti-alias images and text.



reduce glare (very bright colors will glow and bleed in the photograph). The basic camera setting is F-stop 4 and one-quarter second exposure.

The real key, however, to getting usable results from this method is to employ a technique called bracketing. Use a range of F-stops and take several shots at each setting. Within each group, vary the shutter speed so that you also get a range of different exposures. You will go through a lot of film, but the odds of obtaining a suitable shot will increase greatly.

You may find that in certain shots the image will appear brighter in the middle than at the center. This is more likely a result of the way the monitor functions, rather than something lacking in your shooting technique, but following the bracketing procedure will minimize the effects as much as possible. In a similar way, you might also have problems with getting even grays.

The Polaroid Palette (Polaroid Corp., \$1495) has become the standard piece of hardware for making slides from Amiga graphics. Used with the Imprint interface (Liquid Light, \$495), it provides good output, although there are sometimes visible scanlines and strange dropouts. It also produces softer images, which are better for slides but not always what you want for print use.

The more expensive FreezeFrame (\$1995) from Polaroid does a better job, completely eliminating scanlines and recording directly from the RGB or NTSC (National Television Standards Committee) signal. It can even take a picture of a genlocked image. Because it does not require any special software or interface on the Amiga, it can take screen shots from programs that do not allow multitasking. (For a review of the FreezeFrame, see p. 44 in the June '89 issue of *AmigaWorld*.)

If you do not have \$2000 to invest in your own slide-making equipment, you will need to use a slide

service. (A selection of these is contained in the "Slide Services" list accompanying this article.) Hammond Photographic Services, which uses a slightly longer lens to get full-frame slides, provided me with the following tips:

- Use only standard Amiga screen sizes (no overscan).
- Create a border at the top and bottom of the screen of 18 pixels in hi-res and nine pixels in lo-res so that ▶

## Up and Running

# Animation and Special Effects

USING MORE THAN one projector to present your slide show will enable you to add animation and a variety of special effects. Typically, three projectors are used, with each showing one slide while the others are switching to the next image in their slide trays. You will also need a controller—often called a Dove—to automate the projectors. Achieving a top speed of about two slides per second—depending upon the speed of your controller and the number of projectors you are using—you will be able to create some very effective "animated" sequences.

You can also have two projectors display an image at the same time, which allows you to create composite images combining photographic and computer-created slides. In a show I did in Los Angeles, the first projector showed a slide of an empty Dodger Stadium, while a second later the slide in projector two slowly faded up with a DeluxePaint image in the shape of a person but with bright orange, white, and yellow colors on a black background. A moment later, projector three slowly faded up with an image of the stadium with a real person standing in the same position as the DeluxePaint outline, as projectors one and two faded out. The result was a very convincing "magical" ap-

pearance of a person. With more projectors, we could have made the DeluxePaint image shimmer and twinkle as the person appeared.

Instead of going to the expense of having special composite slides made up, if you are using multiple projectors you can project Amiga titling from one projector on top of a slide of people or any other live subject. Make sure that the titling slide has a black background (which is transparent when projected) and that the area on which you want the titling to appear on the other slide is also dark. A little bit of black tape or slide paint can also be used to black out an area of a slide.

The key element for any of these effects is careful registration. Mount your slides in pin-registered glass slide mounts. All slides should be mounted in the same type of mounts. The cardboard mounts in which most slides come are so thin that the slides will shift forward or back in the slide trays, throwing them out of registration. The pins in the registered slide mounts ensure that the slides will be positioned accurately. You should also use a pin-registered camera, such as the Ricoh XRM or the Nikon F-3, to make certain that each slide has the pin slots in the exact same position. —GW



Figure 2. Both DigiPaint 3 and Pro Video Gold anti-alias text by adding one or more extra colors to smooth out "jaggies."



the screen matches the aspect ratio of the slide. (Anything in these border areas will be cropped off.)

- Leave color 0 black.
- If you are using DeluxePaint, turn off the Stencil feature before saving the image.
- Do not make images and text too small (text should be at least 25 pixels high), and avoid crowding the screen.
- Avoid line widths of one pixel.
- Keep colors rich and saturated.
- HAM and standard resolutions will reproduce, but do not use Extra\_Halfbrite mode.
- Make sure that you paint underneath the title bars and menu strip in DeluxePaint.

While most of these tips apply for other services, you may want to contact your local slide service before creating your slides to see if they have any special requirements.

Most slide services use the Polaroid Palette system, with the notable exception of Philadelphia Video Lab. They use a proprietary process to produce the best quality slides available. Most of their clients are corporations and magazines, and their service is a bit expensive. They have recently inaugurated a consumer version of their service, however, at a considerably reduced price.

#### **SOUND ADVICE: ADDING AUDIO TO YOUR SHOW**

You can also use your Amiga to score your slide show and add sound effects. You will need good quality recording equipment with which to tape your audio. Many slide-show controllers rely on the second audio

track to record the tones that sequence the projectors. If this is the case, you are just as well off making a mono, rather than a stereo recording.

You can find a lot of digitized sounds on bulletin boards and PD disks, or you can use an audio digitizer such as Perfect Sound (SunRize Industries / MicroSearch, \$89.95) to record your own. There are many sample editors available to customize your sounds after recording them. We have used Audio Master II (Aegis, \$59.95) to modify a car horn to make it sound like a ship's steam whistle, and we combined thunder and an explosion to get just the right sound of lightning hitting an object and blowing it to pieces. An audio editor also lets you adjust the sound effect so that it runs the exact amount of time you need.

We use Sonix (Aegis, \$79.95) for music because of its ability to handle very high-quality digitized samples and to use them as instruments. It also allows us to incorporate sound effects in the score. We record the score directly out of the audio channels onto metal tape with Dolby B and get very good results. Music X (MicroIllusions, \$299.95) will let you control a MIDI synthesizer and play Sonix instruments on the Amiga side.

#### **TESTING THE SEQUENCE**

Time is money when you go in to have your slide show programmed. The more you know about how you want things to look, the less time you will spend tinkering as the slide sequences are programmed. We use the Amiga to test slide timing and animation sequences before we go in to program. Using any animation package that animates IFF images and lets you set how long each frame is shown, you can create an animation that will look much like the finished projected version. We have used the storyboard graphics (see "Storyboarding Your Show" under *Getting Started*) to animate the live sequences, but you could also digitize slides in black and white and to get a good idea of what the live sequences will look like.

It is a great advantage to be able to see how things will look when they are sequenced, even before you have your slides printed. It is especially important to see how animated sequences look, so that you will know if you need an extra image or two before going in to the studio. You can easily set in advance how long you need a text screen to stay up. You can create the projected overlay effects by using two screens in DeluxePaint and merging the back one with the front. In short, you will save hundreds of dollars in programming costs because you can do experimenting on your own time and not when you are being charged by the hour. It is amazing how fast the costs add up with even small changes.

It is at this point that you should also consider whether you want a video recording of the slide show. The easiest way to do this is to make a recording when you have it programmed and tested. Trying to shoot during an actual performance is chancy. You ►

#### **Up and Running**

## **Digitizing Your Slides**

**THERE ARE TIMES** when you may want to digitize a slide, perhaps to make a composite slide with text overlaid, or to test the animation sequence as described above. An easy way to record a slide with a video camera is to tape the slide over a macro lens and aim the camera at a light source. This will work fine with Digi-View (NewTek, \$199.95) when working in black and white. For full-color

digitizing, mount a two-foot square piece of rear projection screen material (which can be purchased by the yard—check the sources at the end of the "Slide Services" list) onto a free-standing frame and project an image onto it from the rear. The Digi-View camera records the image from the front of the screen, and you will not have to worry about even lighting.

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may need to make several adjustments in order to get it on tape just the way you want it.

You must plan ahead, as slides are fifteen percent wider than a video image. Graphics that go to the edge of the slides will be cut off, so design your slides with seven percent at each edge that can be trimmed without cutting off important information.

After all your work is done, the best part is sitting back and watching the show with an audience. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that using the Amiga can save you hundreds of dollars on a

slide-show presentation. While the Amiga is not the perfect solution for every situation, for most business applications it will give you very good quality at a very low price. ■

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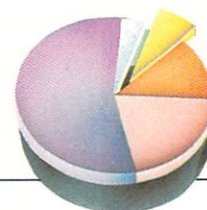
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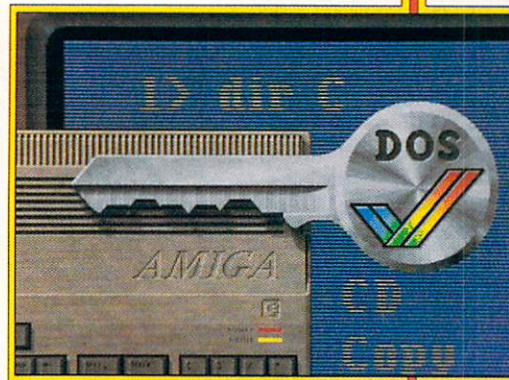
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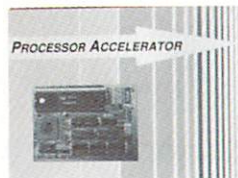
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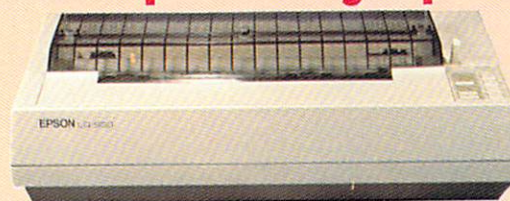
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“MORE IS BETTER” says the old axiom, but with the Amiga, memory expansion is not that simple. Like assembly-line workers, the sections of an Amiga’s memory are each best suited for different tasks. If you have a labor shortage in the engine department, hiring extra hands for the body shop is no help. If you need more chip RAM to store graphics and sound, buying several megs of fast RAM is not the answer. Just as a foreman must know the employees’ production capacity to keep the factory running smoothly, you must understand the various types (fast, chip, and slow-fast) of memory and their uses to make your Amiga as efficient as possible. While buying more is one answer, several system and public-domain programs will help you work around a shortage when the budget is tight.

## CHIP OFF THE OLD PROCESSOR

The Amiga’s multiple processors are in part responsible for the memory segregation. In addition to the computer’s main processor, the Motorola 68000, the Amiga has a number of coprocessors that control graphics, sound, and disk I/O, among other things. These coprocessors can directly access a portion of the Amiga’s memory and can change its contents without the intervention of the main processor. Because the coprocessors are integrated into large custom computer chips (called Agnus, Denise, and Paula), the portion of memory that they can use as their work space is called chip memory, or chip RAM. The initial 512K of the Amiga 500 and A2000, plus the A1000’s 256K and 256K upgrade, are all chip RAM, accessible to the main processor or the coprocessors.

When you add a memory-expansion module to the A500’s or the A1000’s external bus, or plug a memory board into one of the A2000’s expansion slots, you are adding another type of memory called fast RAM, or fast memory. Unlike chip RAM, fast RAM can be accessed only by the main processor, not by the coprocessors for graphics and sound storage. The main advantage of fast memory is that it does not have to

be shared among the processors like chip memory does. When the custom chips and the main processor both want to use chip RAM, they have to take turns accessing it, most of the time without a wait. When there is a lot of graphics activity, the graphics chips may access chip memory so frequently that they delay the main processor’s access to chip memory, slowing down program execution. With fast memory in the system, however, the main processor may access program instructions from that memory while the graphics chips are using chip RAM.

Fast RAM does have some disadvantages. Because it is not an integral part of the computer’s memory architecture, expansion RAM boards require auto-configuration circuitry to tell the computer how much memory is on the board and to let the Amiga add that memory to the system resources automatically. Memory-board prices reflect this added developers’ cost. Although fast RAM does not have multiple processors competing to access it, it cannot hold graphics display or sound information. Even with eight megabytes of fast RAM, you may not be able to multitask a graphics-intensive program, such as Professional Page (Gold Disk) or DeluxePaint III (Electronic Arts), because you still have only 512K of chip RAM available.

## DORMANT HELP

When the Amiga 500 and 2000 were created, so was a new type of built-in memory, often referred to as slow-fast RAM. In most A2000s, the second 512K of the computer’s standard one-megabyte memory is slow-fast memory. In most A500s, the 512K module that attaches to the bus on the computer’s underside is slow-fast memory. This portion of memory combines the worst characteristics of both fast memory and chip memory. Like fast RAM, it cannot be used for graphics or sound information. The main processor may have to wait, however, before accessing slow-fast memory, as with chip RAM. Because it is connected to the system in a manner similar to chip memory, it can be recognized automatically by the system ►

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Installation requires modifications to the Amiga's motherboard, plus the delicate removal and insertion of square-package chips. Play it safe and have a registered service center do the work. The entire upgrade typically costs between \$150 and \$175.

If you bought your Amiga after June 1989, it may already have the new Agnus chip. You can test for its presence in an A2000 or A2500 with the AVAIL command. From the CLI or Shell, type AVAIL. If you have a megabyte of chip RAM, the third item (in the Maximum column) in the first row (marked "Chip") will read 1040152. If not, the number will be half as great.

The situation is trickier for A500 owners. You cannot tell if you have the new Agnus chip without opening up the computer. (If you have the chip, you will see only four RAM chips on the motherboard instead of 16.) Because the A500 comes with only 512K of memory, the computer is set at the factory for 512K of chip RAM. Even if you have the One-Meg Agnus and plug in a 512K expansion module, the RAM will not become chip RAM automatically. Your dealer must make internal modifications to the A500 before it will recognize the extra RAM as true chip RAM. Once the modifications are made, the computer will not operate unless the memory-expansion module is plugged in.

A1000 owners have no direct upgrade path to one megabyte of chip RAM, because the first Agnus chip is smaller than the new chips. A few third-party developers are working on adaptors that will allow the A1000 to accept the One-Meg Agnus. As of this writing, however, no details are available.

### PRIORITY RANKING

The type of memory the system uses first depends on the order in which the memory is added and the priority of the various blocks of memory. Normally, fast memory has a priority of zero, while chip memory has a priority of -10. This means programs will load into fast memory first, preserving chip memory for programs that specifically request it for storing graphics and sound data. While this is usually desirable, it can cause problems with programs that were written before fast memory was generally available. Some older software assumes that all memory is chip RAM, and does not specify the type of memory to use for graphics images. As a result, the program's graphics and sound will not work correctly if you have fast RAM in the system. ▶

## Memory versus Storage

**WHILE BOTH HOLD data and are measured in units of kilobytes (K) and megabytes (MB), computer memory and storage are two distinct entities. You can think of computer memory as the processor's temporary work space, where it holds the instructions for the programs that are currently running and the information used by those programs. Because information stored in computer memory can be retrieved only by the processor, all of it is lost when the processor loses power or you reboot the computer.**

Storage devices, such as floppy and hard disks, provide a permanent residence for program and data

files, as information is inscribed on the disks' surfaces. The computer's processor can address storage devices only for reading and writing, however, not for performing calculations and other operations required to run a program. While adding 40MB of hard-disk storage to a 512K Amiga lets you store a multitude of programs in one place, it will not let you run a program requiring a megabyte of memory.

Computer memory, then, is like the work area of your desk. Storage is like the drawers into which you sweep your papers each night, and from which you retrieve them each morning. □ —SL

## Chip Sense

**TO SAVE MONEY, you can purchase memory boards unpopulated (sans chips) then shop around for the best price on the chips. Make sure that the characteristics of the chips you buy match the requirements of your board. The safest way is to buy what the board's manufacturer recommends. Always make sure to check the:**

- **Memory capacity**—The current generation of chips is divided into 256-kilobit chips and 1-megabit chips. The next generation of 4-megabit chips is just starting production, with 16-megabit chips to follow.

- **Memory layout**—Not all 1-megabit chips are accessed in the same way. While the most common type are 1 megabit × 1 chips, a significant number of Amiga boards used 256K × 4 chips. You can use the latter to upgrade memory in 512K increments (4 chips), while the 1 meg × 1 chips usually can be added only a megabyte at a time (8 chips).

- **Access speed**—Faster chips (80 nanoseconds and lower) cost a lot more than the slower chips (120

nanoseconds and higher). Because the stock 7.14 MHz Amiga is relatively slow by today's computer standards, do not feel obligated to pay extra for chips with a lower rating than 150 nanoseconds (unless the board requires them).

- **Chip package**—The most common plug-in style of chips are called DIPs (Dual Inline Package). These are the little plastic rectangles that look like bugs with rows of metal legs on either side. Another plug-in module is called a SIMM (Single Inline Memory Module). SIMMs are like circuit boards that let you plug in a whole megabyte at a time. Other packages turn the rectangular chips on their sides, with all of the legs coming out one edge of the chip. These include SIPs (Single Inline Package) and ZIPs (similar to a SIP, but with the legs staggered like a zipper).

- **Refresh type**—Most memory chips on the Amiga are Dynamic RAMs (DRAMs). The more expensive, but faster, Static RAMs (SRAMs) are used only for special applications, such as accelerator boards or battery-backed RAM disks. □ —SL



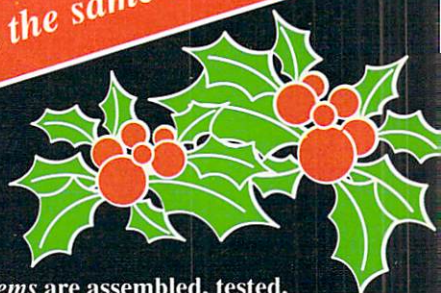
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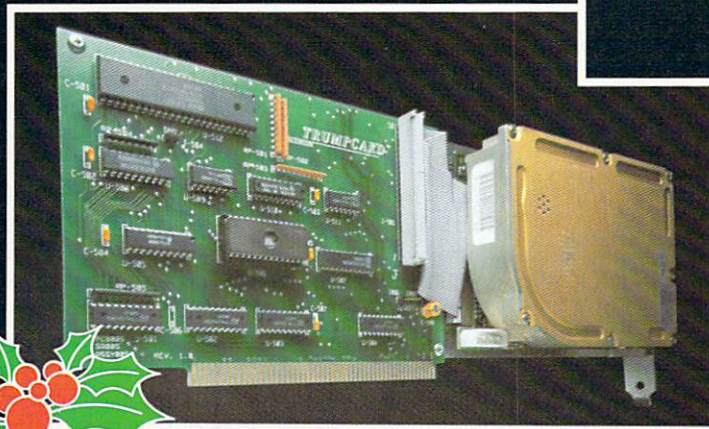


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You can temporarily disable all fast memory with a program called NoFastMem. Located in the System drawer, NoFastMem allows programs that run correctly only in chip memory to work in a machine with fast RAM. Click on the NoFastMem icon, then run your problem program. When you are finished, reboot and the memory returns.

The public domain offers some more permanent solutions. StealMemBoot (found on Fred Fish disk #150) installs a program on a disk's boot block that automatically disables all fast RAM when you start up from that disk. If your software uses boot-block copy

protection, however, do not use StealMemBoot. Writing to the boot block could render such a disk unusable. Another alternative is Fixhunk (Fred Fish disk #197). Fixhunk changes the offending program so that it requests to be loaded into chip memory without disabling fast memory. Because Fixhunk alters the program's code, use it only on a copy, not your original program disk.

The priority situation is more complex if you have both slow-fast and fast RAM. Slow-fast RAM has the same priority as fast RAM, and because it is added to the system before any expansion RAM, it is used before fast memory. For optimum performance, your system should access fast RAM first. Located in Workbench's System drawer, FastMemFirst (formerly SlowMemLast) changes the priorities of the memory blocks so that the system will use expansion RAM before slow-fast memory. If you use Workbench's default startup-sequence, you are all set. The startup-sequence runs FastMemFirst automatically when you boot the computer.

### GET IT TOGETHER

On a multitasking machine such as the Amiga, free memory is not always located in one solid block. Let's say you run three 100K programs that load one after the other. If you close the first program and the third program, you free up 200K of memory, but it is fragmented: The 200K consists of two blocks of 100K each, separated by the second program, which is still loaded in memory. As a result, you may not be able to load a 150K data file into a program even though you have 200K of free memory. The AVAIL command will show you the size of the largest chunk of contiguous memory.

Although you should be aware of fragmentation, you cannot do much about it unless you have two or more memory-expansion boards. Even if the addresses of the two chunks of memory are located next to each other, the boards are considered separate. If you have a pair of two-megabyte boards, the largest chunk of fast RAM that a program can access is two megabytes. The MergeMem program in Workbench's System drawer will combine the boards' memory, however, so that a program can access them as a single chunk of memory that is four megabytes in size. Simply click on the icon.

The complexities of Amiga memory result from the flexibility and power of the computer itself. Because of its multitasking, graphics, and sound capabilities, the Amiga can make use of all of the memory that you can supply. By the same token, any memory that you add to your computer will expand the range of possibilities open to you. The key is to expand most in the areas where you have the greatest need. ■

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## Accelerators and Memory Expansion

**ACCELERATOR BOARDS** THAT use 32-bit processors, such as the 68020 or 68030, raise their own memory issues. Although such boards can access all kinds of Amiga memory, they are fastest when used with their own 32-bit memory. This designation does not refer to a special kind of chip or more chips per megabyte. Rather, it refers to the way in which the chip is connected to the 32-bit processor, allowing the processor to read and write more information at a time. When buying, you should consider:

- **Auto-configuration**—Most memory boards auto-configure, which allows the system to recognize their memory automatically. The auto-config address space has room for only eight megabytes of expansion RAM, however, even though 32-bit processors can address up to 4096 megabytes (four gigabytes) of RAM. You can add boards that do not auto-configure on top of the eight megabytes of auto-config memory, but you must run a configuration program before the system recognizes them. Also, the

memory may be incompatible with some software, such as Amiga Basic.

- **DMA support**—Some 32-bit memory boards (such as the ones from IMtronics and CSA) do not allow DMA devices (such as hard-drive controllers) to directly read from and write to this memory. If you are using a DMA hard drive, non-DMA expansion memory will usually mean slower hard-drive access times.

- **Burst mode**—Some memory boards (GVP's) for the 68030 processor support that chip's special "burst mode," which speeds up memory reads.

- **Priority**—Auto-config memory boards usually put the 32-bit memory at the top of the memory list, while others (such as IMtronics' and CSA's) do not. If you are using a RAM disk, for example, you may not want this "faster" fast RAM used right away, however. Some public-domain programs—such as MemPri (available on CompuServe)—allow you to temporarily change the order in which such memory is used. □ —SL

## Future Memory

**SOMEDAY YOU MAY** not have to buy a memory board to expand your system. Newer accelerator boards contain a chip called a Memory Management Unit (68030 processor chips have an MMU built in) that lets your Amiga use storage devices such as hard drives as if they were very slow memory devices. When a program runs out of memory, it can read from and write to the disk instead of

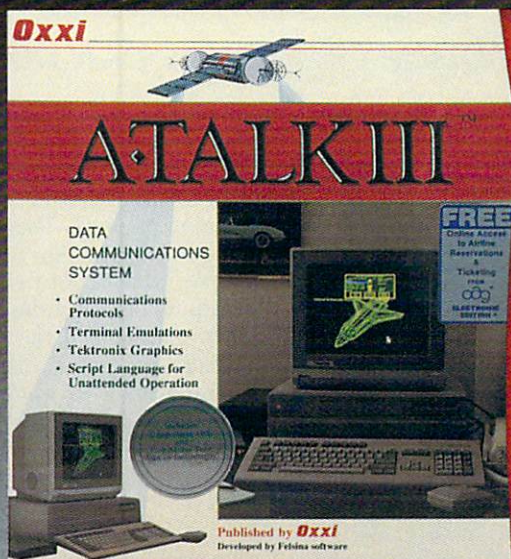
RAM. Version 1.4 of the operating system will lay the groundwork for this development (called Virtual Memory), but full support will probably be a little farther down the road.

In the meantime, software developers take note: If your programs ask for 32 megabytes of memory, someday they just might get them. □ —SL



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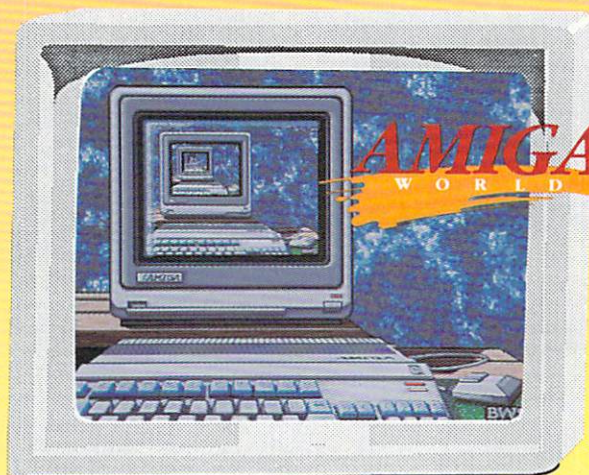
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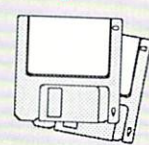
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Like X-CAD, Draw 2000 employs standard ►



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#### DeluxePaint III

Electronic Arts, \$149.95

As one ballot said, "Fait accompli." The smart design, easy-to-use interface, keyboard shortcuts, performance speed, animation capabilities, plus practically every function an artist could want make DeluxePaint III the standard against which others are judged.

#### Deluxe PhotoLab

Electronic Arts, \$149.95

An all-in-one package with an elegant interface, Deluxe PhotoLab integrates paint options with image processing and analysis functions.

### 3-D

#### Turbo Silver 3.0

Impulse, \$199

Superior lighting, fast rendering, and a multitude of functions (such as the ability to generate mountains and oceans) top Turbo Silver's list of qualifications. While it does not support the Anim standard, you can animate your objects by using simple paths. The price/performance ratio can't be beat.

#### Sculpt-Animate 4D

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Although it provides excellent image quality and a solid user interface, Sculpt-Animate 4D's inferior lighting and limited options hold the program back.

## ANIMATION

#### DeluxePaint III

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For creating frame-by-frame cel animation, nothing comes close to DeluxePaint III. The environment is equally outstanding for computer-generated tweening. You'll get smooth results for both 2-D and simulated 3-D Anims with a minimum of fuss.

#### The Director

The Right Answers Group, \$69.95

The Director is a powerful and flexible tool for creating animated presentations with excellent sound and music integration. You are limited only by your imagination and the learning curve.

## HAM

#### Photon Paint II

MicroIllusions, \$149

Special effects and animation capabilities nudged Photon Paint II past the competition. Full font support, contour mapping, a sophisticated and intuitive blend tool, and a user-definable stencil are the standouts.

#### Digi-Paint III

NewTek, \$99.95

A very close second, Digi-Paint III sports the best anti-aliasing and speed. All the tools are practical and professional. The ARexx interface gives you added flexibility.

## SPECIAL EFFECTS

#### The Director

The Right Answers Group, \$69.95

If you have an idea for a special effect, you can probably find a way to achieve it with this graphics-oriented language. Learning the program, however, may be a bit rough, as you are programming, not pointing and clicking. The companion Toolkit module (\$39.95) adds MIDI output, a text display, new wipe routines, and a pie chart generator.

#### Invision

Elan Design, \$129

Although limited to use with LIVE! (A-

Squared), Invision provides video effects you won't find anywhere, short of professional equipment such as a DVE or Dubner board.

## VIDEO TITLERS

#### Pro Video Gold

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For studio use, you want a reliable and solid titler; Pro Video Gold has that professional feel. The supplied typefaces are limited, but the program is IFF compatible and anti-aliases cleanly. The many included transitions will keep your production moving.

#### Broadcast Titler

Innovision Technologies, \$299.95

Numerous fonts with good proportional spacing and overscanned screens are Broadcast Titler's highlights. Unfortunately, the program is awkward to learn.

## DATABASES

#### Superbase Professional

Precision Incorporated, \$349.95

Flexible, powerful, and relational, Superbase can handle virtually any application. Gadgets, pull-down menus, and requester boxes coddle the novice, while the BASIC-like programming language, ARexx interface, and detailed query system satisfy the expert. Along with text and numbers, you can store IFF graphics and sounds.

#### Professional DataRetrieve

Abacus, \$295

While this programmable, relational database is easier to learn than Superbase, it is also less flexible.

## DESKTOP PUBLISHING

#### Professional Page

Gold Disk, \$395

With an optional four-color separation module, sophisticated typographic controls, excellent PostScript support, and flexible page manipulation, Professional Page is the reigning king of desktop publishing. Add its well-implemented Amiga interface and you see why the program is at the top.

#### PageStream

SoftLogik, \$199.95

The title of Crown Prince falls to Page-



Stream by virtue of its graphics and text manipulation, fonts, and print options.

## MUSIC

### M

**Intelligent Music**, \$200

M is the first program to allow truly interactive composition, letting you and the computer make meaningful contributions at the same time. The interface is excellent for governing random pattern generation of musical sequences.

### AudioMaster II

Aegis, \$59.95

Flexible sample editing and a Hi-Fi play mode that exceeds the normal playback rate of 28K are this program's biggest assets.

## PROGRAMMING

### BASIC

### HiSoft BASIC Professional

MichTron, \$159.95

An integrated compiler and editor, HiSoft BASIC produces compact code quickly. Your old programs won't be outdated; HiSoft is almost completely compatible with Amiga Basic. It also gives you easy access to ROM Kernel routines.

### GFA BASIC 3.0

Antic, \$139.95

A rich assortment of commands plus inline C and assembly language capabilities enhance this speedy interpreter. Amiga Basic incompatibility drags it down.

### C

### Lattice C 5.02

Lattice, \$300

This year's winner of the C war is version 5.02 of the Lattice compiler. Added options (such as registered parameters) and the global optimizer improve the code produced. The variety of compilation options, flexible linker, extensive library, and source level debugger round out this reliable package.

### Aztec C 3.6

Manx, \$199; \$299 developer's version

Like Lattice, the Manx C compiler generates fast, efficient code, but a relatively in-

flexible development environment relegates it to the number two spot. The source-level debugger is an additional \$125.

## MODULA-2

### Benchmark: Modula-2

Avant-Garde, \$199.95

Benchmark: Modula-2 lives up to its name, creating small, fast programs reasonably quickly. The integrated environment makes life easier as do the optional libraries and symbolic debugger.

### M2Sprint

M2S Inc., \$385

This fast single-pass compiler is accompanied by ARP, IFF, and ARexx libraries. You'll appreciate the good manuals, as the program is still a bit buggy.

## UTILITIES

### ARexx

William S. Hawes, \$49.95

The standard for inter-program communications, ARexx is a programmable command language with extensive string options. It is compliant with Amiga programming standards and uses system capabilities effectively. As the list of supporting programs grows, ARexx will only become more useful.

### TxEd Plus

MicroSmiths Inc., \$79.95

A fast, small, politely multitasking text editor, TxEd Plus makes code entry and editing efficient.

## SPREADSHEETS

### Superplan

Precision Incorporated, \$149.95

In addition to all the conventional spreadsheet capabilities, Superplan sports project management options and extremely powerful (but arcane) graphing functions. For the connoisseur, it also offers two types of macros, Lotus 1-2-3 file compatibility, and an ARexx interface.

### MaxiPlan Plus

Oxxi Inc., \$199

Extremely easy to learn and use, Maxiplan

Plus is a powerful number cruncher with beautiful graphs and database capabilities.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### A-Talk III

Oxxi Inc., \$99

Very user-friendly, A-Talk III gets you online without getting in your way. The extensive script language lets you customize almost everything, while the expansive list of protocols assures efficient downloading.

### Access

Public Domain

Straightforward and easy to use, Access gives beginners quick entry into the online world. While it lacks the multitude of protocols and options of commercial programs, the experts can't pass up a good bargain.

## UTILITIES

### DiskMaster

Progressive Peripherals & Software, \$49.95

The intuitive design makes DiskMaster easy to run and simple to customize. The program combines common and some specialized file-management functions in a single comprehensive control screen.

### Facc II

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### WordPerfect

WordPerfect Corp., \$395

Extensive text formatting controls, a spelling checker, a thesaurus, and PostScript output all stand in WordPerfect's favor. The interface does not. ■





## # 10

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**A continuing series  
of tips, techniques,  
and tricks for  
creating more  
imaginative Amiga  
graphics.**  
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**By Joel Hagen**

# The “Fix” Is On

I AM SO accustomed to the mercy of the UNDO button when painting on the Amiga that I unconsciously reach for it in day-to-day life. Jab as I may, however, bread remains jelly-side down on the cat and fingers stay smashed between wrench and water pump. Fortunately, in the more easily governable world that is the subject of “Accent on Graphics,” I can explore with you, in this month’s installment, a variety of Amiga options for correcting mistakes and cleaning up images.

UNDO—at least in DeluxePaint and some other paint programs—is the major panacea for most problems. Remember, though, that UNDO affects only your last action (although it is my understanding that Express Paint maintains a history of actions that can be successively undone). Get used to using the U key in DPaint instead of the mouse-oriented toolbox. If your toolbox is turned off with the F10 key and you need to undo something, turning it back on to find UNDO becomes your most recent move and you are stuck. Using the U key gets around this dilemma.

### CHANGING COLORS IN MIDSCENE

The need to change an area of color is a common painting situation. For example, you may have spattered several colors into a landscape to give the effect of sand, and you now need to replace the orange with brown. Or, perhaps, you digitized a black-and-white portrait to translate into PostScript for printout. To avoid any glaring, blank shapes caused by pure white, those areas must be one level darker—the lightest PostScript dot pattern.

Obviously, you can always go into the palette and adjust any color while looking at the painting to judge the result—although this eliminates the color com-

pletely, replacing it with your new choice. For instance, in the PostScript problem posed above, it is simple to go into the palette and adjust color 15, white, to match color 14 by clicking once in its Value slider. This is a global change, however; white no longer exists. Thus, if later on you are going to need pure white in a border area or a text box, you must now selectively replace color 15 with color 14 without altering the palette.

In DPaint, under the Picture menu, you can use the option “BG to FG” (background to foreground) in Change Color to solve the problem. Make the background color 15, and the foreground color 14. Clicking “BG to FG” makes the color change over the entire picture, but does not affect the Palette. You can fill or repaint any areas you now want pure white. You can also pick up an area as a brush, use “BG to FG” in the Brush menu to localize the change, and then stamp it down again on the picture. Changing the white areas pixel by pixel would have been possible, but tedious.

There are yet other ways to change colors. For instance, you can make a Stencil under the Effects menu. Select the color you wish to change, either from the Stencil window or directly from the screen. Click on Invert, then on Make. The color is now the only one that can be affected. Select a replacement color and paint with an appropriately sized brush. This is a good method to selectively change color within a complex area. In Dpaint III, the Stencil feature also allows you to pick up as a brush only those colors not locked by Stencil. This means you can create a Stencil and then use the brush tool and right mouse button to remove color from any area, replacing it auto-



## The smart money is on these cleanup and correction tips when it comes to saving time and mess in making revisions to your work.

matically with the background color you have selected.

### PROJECT CLEANUP

Let's explore other techniques as I describe the steps of a specific cleanup situation in the accompanying Iceland map illustration. Using Digi-View in Lo-Res Overscan mode, I captured a black-and-white image from a postcard map and then loaded it into DPaint for cleanup. Working in 16-color Lo-Res allowed me to manipulate large areas of the screen. I used "BG to FG" to change all white in the picture to the next darker shade. I then made the vacant Palette position blue for good visibility. Under Effects, I selected Freeze Background, and using a small blue brush, I traced around the edges of the map. With the + and - keys, I sized the brush up and down to get into fjords or cover broader areas of coast. When I made mistakes, Background Freeze allowed me to erase back to the original map with the right mouse button. I also kept my left hand on the keyboard, using the U key frequently until I was happy with a line. When the outline was complete, I unfroze the background.

Selecting Fill and using blue as the background color, I filled the ocean while holding down the ALT key. In DPaint III, this allows fill to cover all colors until it reaches the boundary of the current background color. In one move, all the black-and-white digitized dither was replaced with blue. Selecting gray as foreground color, I picked up the entire map from the background with the Brush tool and then pressed SHIFT-K to clear the screen to blue. When I hit F2, Color mode, the digitized map became a clean silhouette in the foreground color, which I then stamped down in the ocean.



The finished map of Iceland above began as an ordinary black-and-white postcard illustration with little detail.

I then adjusted the vacant Palette positions to more useful colors, making the map light green. With foreground green and background blue, I used the postcard for reference and touched up details, using both mouse buttons and Magnify when needed. Selecting a darker green foreground color, I removed the map from the ocean with the right button and hit F2 again to make the entire map a dark green brush. I extruded the map from lower right to upper left with the straight line tool "v." Without moving the mouse, I hit F1 to restore the brush to its original color and stamped it down in place over the extrusion.

After saving the result for safety, I

went to Screen Format to switch to Hi-Res Overscan in order to add text. After DPaint stretched the image to the new format, I typed the title. Text always looks better in Hi-Res, but I worked on the actual map in Lo-Res so that I could cut large brushes.

Feeling at ease with a variety of cleanup techniques let me finish the project neatly and quickly. Putting the time to good use, I was able to wash the jelly off the cat. ■

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# Scripts For Success Part 2

*They cast their characters and gave you the intro last month. Now our AmigaDOS directors will set you the task of learning your "scripts"—and discovering the powerful work they can do when you add more complex parameters.*

By Mark L. Van Name and Bill Catchings

IN THE FIRST installment of our series, we discussed how to create and execute script files. The sample we gave, however, provided only a way to avoid typing a fixed set of commands over and over. This month we will show you how you can make your scripts much more powerful by letting them work on many different sets of files and input options. You add this power by defining parameters.

A parameter is a placeholder that you use instead of a fixed filename or other string. You declare a parameter with the special script-file statement

```
.KEY parameter_name
```

which you can also abbreviate as

```
.K parameter_name
```

This statement should be the first line in the script. You can then use the parameter anywhere in the script. For example, to create a simple script, BACKUP, that makes a copy of any file, you need only the statements

```
.KEY file  
COPY <file> <file>.BAK
```

Notice the < and > bracket characters that surround file. You must place them around the parameter's name every time you use that name in the script except in the initial .KEY statement.

When you execute the script, the EXECUTE command replaces the parameter with an actual value that you supply as the script's argument, just as you would give an argument to any AmigaDOS command. To run BACKUP on the file my\_data, enter

```
EXECUTE BACKUP my_data
```

The result will be a backup file, my\_data.BAK.

## ONE IS FUN, BUT LET'S POUR ON MORE

In many cases, a single script parameter may not be sufficient to perform all the operations you want your script to accomplish. For example, you may wish to control the disk on which BACKUP places the .BAK copy of the file. Fortunately, a script can have many parameters. Just list them, with commas between them, on the .KEY statement, as in

```
.KEY file,disk  
COPY <file> <disk>:<file>.BAK
```

Do not leave a space between the parameters you define. If you do, when you EXECUTE the script you will get the message

```
EXECUTE: Parameters unsuitable for  
key "file, disk"
```

(where the string in quotes will be the text of your .KEY statement.) If you have more than two parameters, as in

```
.KEY p1,p2,p3
```

and you leave a space between the second and third, EXECUTE will never see the third parameter—an error that obviously can hurt your script file.

Regardless of how many parameters you define, they must all appear in the same .KEY statement. If you try to EXECUTE a script with two or more .KEY statements, you will get the error message

```
EXECUTE: More than one K directive
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You must, of course, supply an argument for each parameter. EXECUTE then matches your arguments to the parameters. There are two ways to link ►



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arguments with their corresponding parameters. The first is by position: EXECUTE matches the first argument to the first parameter in the .KEY statement, the second argument to the second parameter, and so on. In our new BACKUP script, the command

```
EXECUTE BACKUP foo DF0
```

matches foo to file, and DF0 to disk. (Note that you need not enter a colon after the disk name as you would normally do with other commands; the colon is in the script.)

You can also use the names of the parameters to identify their arguments on the command line, as in

```
EXECUTE BACKUP file foo disk DF0
```

or

```
EXECUTE BACKUP disk DF0 file foo
```

When you use parameter names, you can list the arguments in any order.

You can also mix these two methods. For example, to give the disk name first, enter

```
EXECUTE BACKUP disk DF0 foo
```

EXECUTE matches DF0 to the parameter disk because you used that parameter's name. It then matches the other argument, foo, to the remaining parameter, file. In general, EXECUTE first matches arguments with preceding parameter names to those parameters. It then matches the remaining arguments to the remaining parameters by position.

## NO ARGUMENTS FROM US

Although we have stated so far that you must always supply an argument for every parameter, this is not entirely true; technically, you can omit any arguments you want. When you do, EXECUTE replaces that parameter in the script file with the null string (" ") everywhere it finds that parameter's name. The problem is that when you omit an argument, errors can easily arise. Leave out either argument to our BACKUP script, for example, and the COPY command will fail and give you the error messages

```
Bad arguments
copy failed returncode 20
```

Some scripts, though, will work perfectly well without one or more of their

arguments. Consider a simple script, NEW DISK, that copies a file to another disk, optionally with a new name for that file:

```
.KEY file,disk,new_name
COPY <file> <disk>:<new_name>
```

Run it with

```
EXECUTE NEW_DISK my_file
DF0 fred
```

and it copies my\_file to DF0:fred (the file named fred on DF0:). Run it without the third argument, as in

```
EXECUTE NEW_DISK my_file DF0
```

and it copies my\_file to DF0: retaining the filename my\_file on that disk.

You should also be careful to type parameter names correctly. If you get a parameter name wrong, EXECUTE will assume that the name is an undefined parameter and replace it with the null string. Thus, if we wrote NEW\_DISK as

```
.KEY file,disk,new_name
COPY <file> <disk>:<newname>
```

(inadvertently substituting <newname> for <new\_name> on the second line), EXECUTE would replace <newname> with the null string and always copy <file> to <disk>: without a new name, regardless of the third argument.

Two special "switches" let you control whether you must supply an argument for a parameter. These switches follow the parameter's name on the .KEY line. The /a switch makes a parameter mandatory. To force users of NEW\_DISK to supply at least the first two arguments, change the .KEY statement to

```
.KEY file/a,disk/a,new_name
```

(Again, remember not to leave any spaces between the parameters.) If you try to EXECUTE NEW\_DISK without supplying either of the first two arguments, you will get the error message

```
EXECUTE: Parameters unsuitable for
key "file/a,disk/a,new_name"
```

On the other hand, the /k switch makes the parameter optional; if you do supply an argument for it, however, you must use the parameter name before that argument. Thus, if the .KEY statement in NEW\_DISK is

```
.KEY file/a,disk/a,new_name/k
```

then to give a new\_name argument you

must run it with a line such as

```
EXECUTE NEW_DISK my_file
DF0 new_name fred
```

If you omit the parameter new\_name, you will get the familiar message

```
EXECUTE: Parameters unsuitable for
key "file/a,disk/a,new_name/k"
```

## GREATER VALUE—BY DEFAULT

It is sometimes useful to give a missing optional parameter a value other than the null string. You can define default values for such parameters in two ways.

The first is with the .DEF statement, as in

```
.DEF new_name "fred"
```

This statement makes EXECUTE use the value fred whenever you run NEW\_DISK without a new filename. Notice the quotes around the default value; always use them in .DEF statements. You need one .DEF statement per parameter. You can have more than one .DEF for a single parameter, but the value in the first .DEF is always the one assigned to the parameter. Thus, the two lines

```
.DEF new_name "fred"
.DEF new_name "joe"
```

are equivalent to the single line

```
.DEF new_name "fred"
```

The other option is to define a default value when you use a parameter. You do so by following the parameter's name with a dollar sign (\$) and then the default value. In the COPY statement in NEW\_DISK, we could enter

```
COPY <file> <disk>:<new_name
$fred>
```

When you use this method, do not put quotes around the default value.

You can mix these two styles if you want, but the first .DEF statement will always define the default value. It will override any later .DEF statements or <parameter\_name\$default\_value> usages for that parameter. And, of course, any argument that you supply for a parameter will override the parameter's default value.

Additionally, there is one special way to use the dollar sign that has nothing to do with default values. EXECUTE will ►



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replace the string <\$\$> with the current CLI's number. That number can be handy for such things as unique temporary filenames, pipes, and so on.

### CUSTOMIZED SCRIPTS

As with so many other things, AmigaDOS lets you customize your script-file features. If you want to use an angle bracket (<, >) or a dollar sign in a string in a script, three dot (.) commands allow you to change the characters EXECUTE uses for those functions:

```
.BRA
.KET
.DOLLAR
```

(The first two get their names from the BRACKET characters they define.) By default, EXECUTE acts as if you had entered the commands

```
.BRA <
.KET >
.DOLLAR $
```

Here you must insert a space between the command name and the character you are defining. Also, the dot (.) must

be the first character on the line.

You can change these characters, as in

```
.BRA [
.KET ]
.DOLLAR &
```

With these changes, our previous default-parameter value example would be

```
COPY [file] [disk]:[new_name&fred]
```

You can use a . with no command name to enter comments in a script, as in

```
. This is a comment.
```

You must, however, leave one or more spaces after the . and before the comment's text, or you will get the error message

```
EXECUTE: Invalid directive
```

You can also follow a . with a new line to put a blank line in a script.

Although these last two features might seem useless at first, they can prove helpful. A script is a kind of program. While many scripts are simple, some may get quite complex. By using com-

ments and blank lines, you can document your scripts and make them more readable, just as a good programmer will document code in any language.

We said previously the .KEY statement should be the first statement in your script. While that is generally good practice, it is not an absolute requirement. What is mandatory, however, is that if you want to use parameters in a script, some dot command must be the first line in that script. Also, the .KEY command must precede all .DEF commands.

We have now covered how to enter and execute scripts, and ways to pass them parameters. In the third and final part of this series, we will explore several special CLI script commands that allow you to make choices based on the values of parameters. Until then, in writing script files, as in any kind of programming, there is no substitute for practice—so get to it! ■

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## Last Minute Help

*These late arrivals are right on time for the shopping rush.*

By B. G. Hunter

THE END OF the year always puts me in a desperate and reflective mood; I get desperate for gift ideas as I reflect on all the game suggestions I've already given out. If you're still searching for the perfect present too, take heart. Several new games have arrived on my desk and beat out my old favorites. Grab your shopping list (or your wish list) and take note.

### TEE ANYONE?

Winter temperatures make me yearn for the sun. A round of **Jack Nicklaus' 18 Greatest Holes of Championship Golf** (Accolade, \$49.95) isn't a trip to Ja-

maica, but it'll do in a pinch. The game is a lot more fun to play alone than my previous favorite, *Mean 18* (Accolade, \$44.95). Now, you can choose up to three computer-controlled opponents of varying ability. Top of the heap, of course, is the Golden Bear himself.

As you play, keep an eye on those opponents; they can teach you a lot. From Jack I learned to gamble and overswing. Just let your back-swing enter the red danger zone, then let it rip. Sure, your swing is more likely to be wild, but the resulting longer shots may get you on the green in fewer strokes. Don't worry about making a perfect swing and clicking the mouse button at exactly the right moment on the downswing. You'll probably be consistently a little late or a little early. Don't fight it; just position yourself to compensate for your natural hook or slice.

A few clouds do darken the game's horizon. Playing with the computer opponents lengthens the game, and detailed graphics slow play further. Putting is also tougher than in *Mean 18*. Most annoying was when one of my computer opponents (not Jack) got



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stuck in an infinite loop, hitting the ball into the water continually.

### RESTART YOUR ENGINES

The roadways are more crowded than the fairways, boasting two new arrivals.

Stalled for two years in development, **Turbo** (MicroIllusions, \$24.95) has finally hit the streets. You race up the screen through cities and countrysides, past an endless stream of cars and motorcycles. Your goal is to reach the finish line before time runs out. Another vehicle in your path? Knock it out of the way or shoot it—but don't let anybody else get you. Pedestrians? Run them over and listen to the screams. You can even pick up such valuable supplies as faster tires and weapons. Be forewarned, however, that the scoring is oddly inconsistent: You get 5000 points for shooting a vehicle, but only 10 for knocking it off the road. I ran over and around (ahem, and into) a lot of obstacles but never made it close to the finish line. You won't find any beginner levels to make the task easier, either. If you don't get too frustrated, the long playing life coupled with the low price could make Turbo the holiday bargain.

For a less bloodthirsty, but no less thrilling, ride, try **The Duel: Test Drive II** (Accolade, \$44.95). You speed along country roads, racing either another car or the clock, winding your way through the traffic, all the while avoiding the ubiquitous police. To simplify the learning process of steering, shifting, and cop watching, Accolade has added several skill levels. On the first few, the car shifts itself. The road is easier to navigate at first, as well. As you drive, the road becomes less forgiving, more twisting, and more traffic infested. Ol' Smokey doesn't hassle you until the third segment. The game's biggest disadvantage is the limited selection of cars: a Porsche 959 and a Ferrari F40. For more variety, you can buy additional car and scenery disks (\$19.95 each).

The key to learning The Duel is to start out at the

lowest skill level. When you can complete the course, move up to the next level. You'll have more fun, and your scores will increase as the levels get harder. To rack up the points you'll need a fast car. The Lotus, with its top speed of about 160, just doesn't make it. Race against the clock. You won't have to worry about the computer-controlled jerk crashing in your path and slowing you down. Also, pay particular attention to the course's first segment. While it's the easiest, it's also crucial if you want a high score. If you finish it with the pedal to the metal the whole way, and never crash, you can average over 130 mph and score over 60,000 points at the highest difficulty level.

The Duel may not be the ultimate racing game, but it's my present favorite. Let me know if these hints help you top my score of slightly under 130,000.

### THE JET SET

If jet fuel flows in your veins, you'll want to find **Falcon** (Spectrum Holobyte, \$49.95) and its **Operation: Counterstrike Mission Disk** (\$24.95) under your tree.

You fly Falcon's F16 in basically the same way you fly other simulators. It even uses some of the same keys—press the G key and, sure enough, the landing gear retracts. It isn't quite as much fun to fly as F/A-18 Interceptor (Electronic Arts, \$49.95), but it is very close. Don't make the mistake of thinking you can get by strictly on your knowledge of other flight simulators; Falcon is a very complex game. To be an ace you must read the 140-page manual.

Missions are the most fun. In the original game, 12 missions progressively lead to your enemy's total destruction. As you complete each mission you get ribbons and medals. You can fly the missions at different difficulty levels and ranks. As a first lieutenant, for example, you don't have to worry about crashing. If you want all the medals, however, you can't avoid high rank and responsibility: Some medals go only to high-ranking officers. The dozen Counterstrike missions are better and more realistic. If you blow up a tank factory on one mission, for example, in succeeding missions you'll have fewer tanks to fend off (until they rebuild the factory). ►

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# G A M E R E V I E W S

## TIMES OF LORE

By Patrick Quaid

THE BELOVED HIGH King of Albareth has been missing for several years, and the kingdom is going to pot under the ineffective leadership of his steward. Through a series of quests you must investigate the disappearance and restore the High King to the throne.

You gather information by talking to people. Select the mouth icon and choose to chat with or question nearby characters. If you decide to ask a question, the game provides a list of topics. Topics are added to this list as your character finds out about them through

conversations, and removed when all the related information has been uncovered.

The interesting part of Times of Lore is that the auxiliary characters live their own lives. If you walk into a fellow's (I never saw a female character) house at night, he is likely to be in bed. If not, he's probably up to something. In the morning you can watch him get up, putter around the house, then, for example, spend his day in a bar.

The map is drawn from an almost overhead point of view, using shadows and well cho-

sen colors to give it a feeling of depth. The design of the individual squares and their layout make the map seem like a continuous sheet, rather than the familiar grid systems. This effect is further supported by the way the characters move in small increments, ignoring the implementation of the map. Reality sets in, however, when you try to walk through a doorway, around a table, or up some stairs. Until you get used to it, these obstacles can be quite a puzzle.

Times of Lore comes on a copy-protected disk with a

well-written game book, a poster-sized map, and a computer-specific reference card. The book begins with a narrative about the kingdom, then describes game mechanics and provides several clues.

Times of Lore injects new life into a game genre that definitely needed it. Although some aspects, such as conversation and combat, seem too simple, the foundation of the game is solid and refreshing. (\$39.95, Origin Systems, 136 Harvey Rd., Building B, Londonderry, NH 03053, 603/644-3360. No special requirements.)

## KINGDOMS OF ENGLAND

By Patrick Quaid

IF YOU'VE EVER thought about conquering Britain at the head of a massive army (and who hasn't), Kingdoms of England might be your cup of tea. It combines a simple strategic challenge with a clean, useful interface to make a very entertaining game.

You start with one province, a small army, and a deep antipathy for your neighbors. You spend your tax money on troops, catapults, or castles (not many social programs in 1421), and try to wage campaigns without being waged upon. You manage your empire almost entirely with the

mouse, scrolling around a well-rendered map that includes Scotland and Wales. The game's methods for indicating troop movements, geographical features, and castles convey their messages clearly and effectively, and entering orders is intuitive.

This efficiency is complemented by touches that enhance the atmosphere of the game without slowing it down. Twice every game year, for example, you compete in an archery tournament. It has almost nothing to do with the rest of the game, but it's fun and a welcome change of ►



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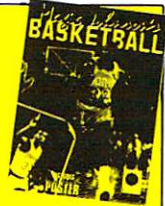
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Summer 1989 marked the newest release of X-Shell. X-Shell is not a single program, but, as its name implies, it is a "shell". One purpose of a software shell is to surround a target program and replace its user interface with another, easier and more powerful presentation. The target program of X-Shell is X-Cad Professional from CadVision International. Another version of X-Shell is also available for the Taurus/Impex release of X-CAD.

X-Shell lists for \$199. It is available from GRAFX or your local Amiga dealer.

X-Cad is a powerful 2D drafting program. X-Cad manages the Amiga's resources well, making it fast. X-Cad zooms ten times faster than AutoCad Rev 2.62 on a NEC APC III (Intel 286) and four times faster than AutoCad Rev 10 on an AST 386. But, X-Cad is presented more as a syntactic language than a drafting system. X-Shell fixes that.

X-Shell is the result of an effort by GRAFX Computing, and a professional architect, to make the use of X-Cad as smooth, and productive as possible. X-Shell is easier to learn than X-Cad or AutoCAD. X-Shell uses a set of compact custom graphic menus that replace the X-Cad text menus. X-Shell provides a manual with over 100 pages describing the use of every button on every menu. Now it is easy to draw with precision on the Amiga. X-Shell. There is nothing else like it...

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pace. If you create the proper set of circumstances (I never have), you can attempt a daring rescue of captured comrades. The background string music fits well with the feel of the game.

A detailed combat mode allows you to form and place units on the battlefield, then guide them during the fight. This mode is so detailed that the computer players aren't bright enough to manage it—instead they opt for a simpler summary mode. In fact the computer players aren't much competition at all. They have little sense of important positions and no long-range plans, much like teenagers.

The game comes with two copy-protected disks and a short manual that could use some serious revision. It will run on 512K but requires one megabyte to support detailed battles and the music.

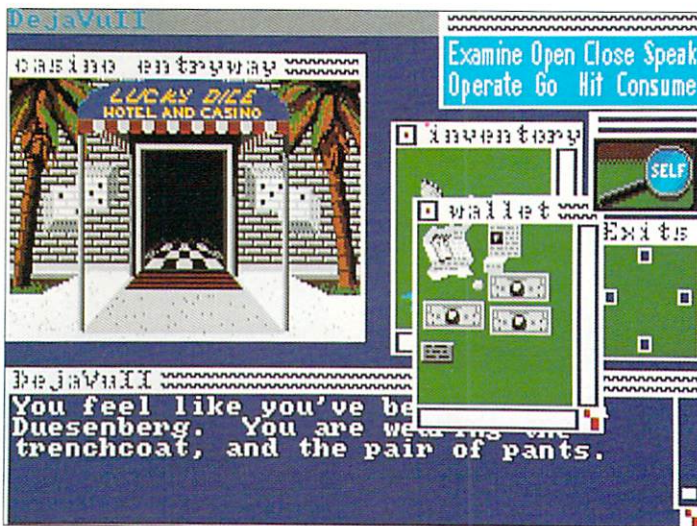
Kingdoms of England has its problems. It doesn't always recognize mouse clicks, for example, and huge battles can cause a nasty bug that makes the attacker nearly invincible. Generally, however, the game works smoothly and quickly, with little fuss and plenty to keep you interested. (\$44.95, Incognito Software, 34518 Warren, Suite 149, Westland, MI 48185, 313/937-1850. No special requirements.)

## DÉJÀ VU II: LOST IN LAS VEGAS

By Bruce Jordan

BATHROOMS ARE QUITE popular in the Déjà Vu series of graphic adventures. In

this time in a disreputable hotel/casino called The Lucky Dice.



Trouble in a gambler's paradise.

Déjà Vu II: Lost in Las Vegas, as in the original, you find yourself soundly cudgeled and waking up in a bathroom—

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with one hundred grand of Malone's money, and he thinks you have it. You have one week to come up with the dough, he says, "or else." Malone's henchman, Stogie Martin, is constantly watching you. Make one false move, and you're the target at the rifle range.

As with the previous game, *Déjà Vu II* is entirely mouse and gadget driven. By avoiding lengthy scripts and tedious typing, the game puts the action and graphics at center stage.

*Déjà Vu II*'s plot is complex

and exciting enough to keep the best adventure-game player boggled for weeks. On the humorous side, there's more than one anachronism in this period piece. (Do your research, Mindscape.) See if you can spot them.

If you consider yourself smart enough to outwit the mob, or enjoy living on the edge, or fancy yourself a big-time gambler, check out *Déjà Vu II: Lost in Las Vegas*. (\$49.95, Mindscape, 3444 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062, 312/480-7667, 800/221-9884. No special requirements.)

## QIX

By Roger Goode

QIX INDUCES THE same white-knuckled, nerve-jangling frenzy in me that blast-fest games produce in my raster-eyed pals. I never shoot anything; however, I draw like a demon.

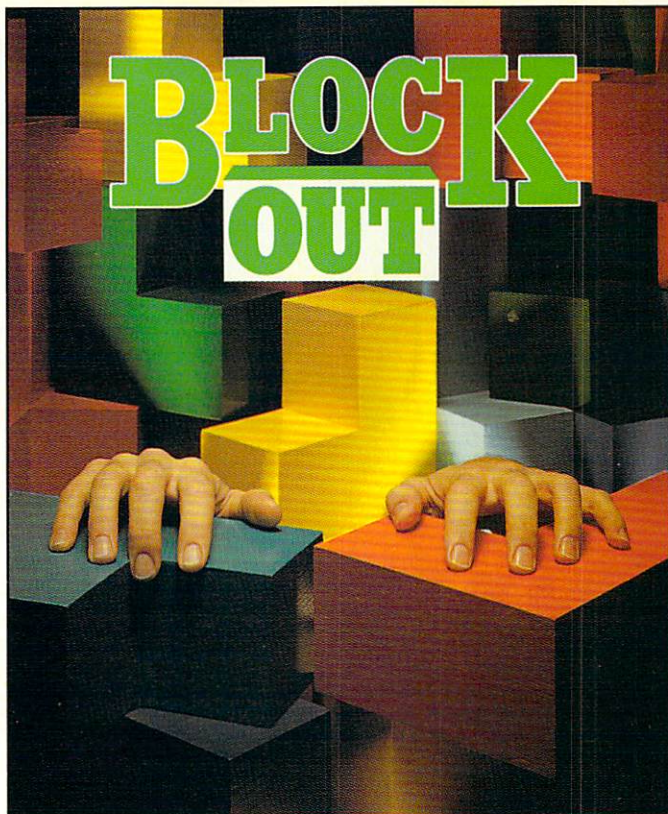
The game begins with a colorful, constantly moving helix (the Qix) bouncing inside the large, square playing area. With your joystick you move a diamond-shaped marker, drawing boxes inside the square until you trap the Qix in a confined area by boxing the rest of the screen. Control 65 percent of the screen with boxes and you win. For every controlled percentage over 65, you receive a bonus of 1000 points. Boxes completed entirely in slow-draw mode are worth twice as much as those using the fast-draw option. They are also twice as risky if the Qix is nearby.

You only have four lives, so be careful. If the Qix touches your marker or line, you get zapped. Sparx travel in ever increasing numbers around

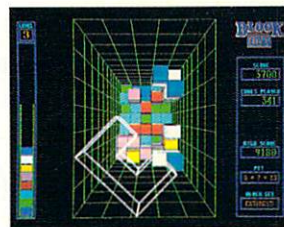
the perimeter of the screen, always following the lines of the boxes you've drawn and coming from both directions at once. The Fuse lives at the end of every line you start to draw. Once you begin a line, you are committed to finishing a new box. Should you stop or hesitate, the Fuse races down the line toward the marker. Your only hope is to complete the box before the Fuse catches you. Turn left into your box too many times and the Fuse will chase you down the Spiral Death Trap you created. That's your last life, Bunko, have you considered an easier game?

The pace gets faster and nastier on subsequent levels. Two Qix bounce around for starters. Close them into separate sections and your subsequent points are doubled. Level five brings Spritz, deadly snowflakes that float with the Qix. Capture one in a box and you get 500 points.

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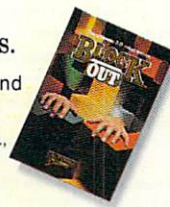
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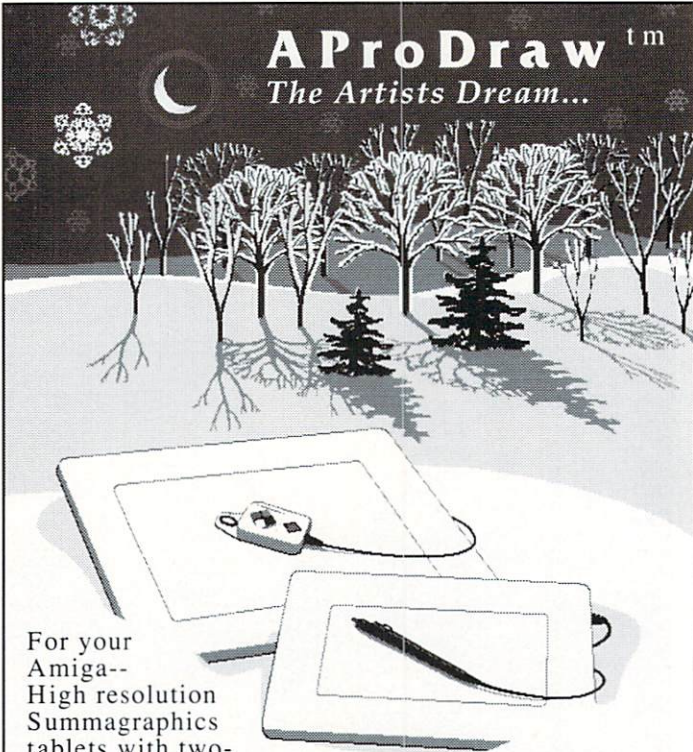
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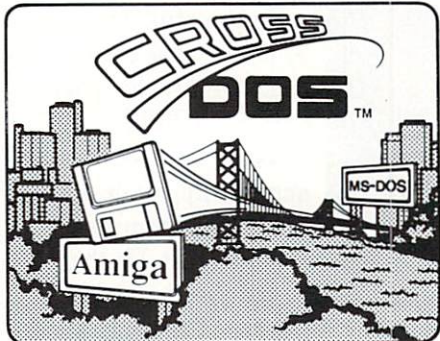
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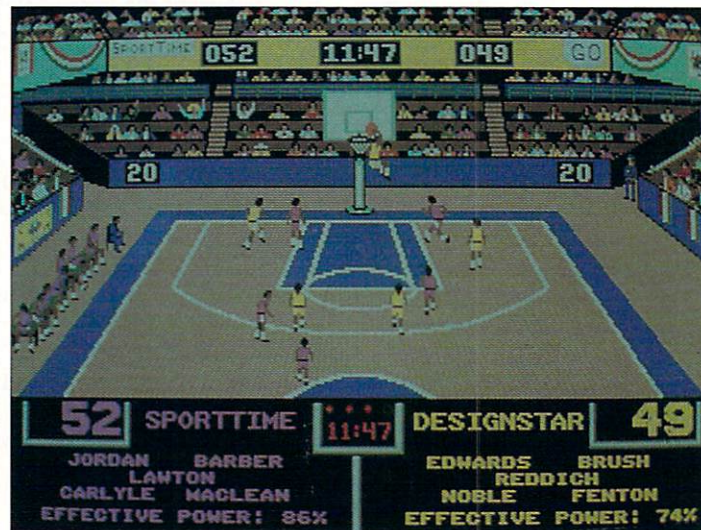
## OMNI-PLAY BASKETBALL

By Rick Teverbaugh

IN OMNI-PLAY Basketball, the gravy takes precedence over the meat and potatoes. While you get the "Nick and Bob" pre-game show and half-time show for each game (you can fast forward past them), you must buy a separate module (\$19.95) to print out stats for your team at the end of games. The viewpoint for the game is from an end seat about halfway up in the gym. If you want a side view, you'll

You'll need to be general manager, coach, and player to get the job done.

As the GM, you must decide which players to draft and whether to spend the 250 trading points that come with the new team on recruiting, sending players to training camp or trading them with other computer-controlled or human-run teams. Seasons run 5, 8, 13, 16, or 21 games, and you can control how long



General manage, coach, and play your team to victory.

have to buy a side-view module (\$19.95). College and pro teams also come on separate modules.

What is included in the game is complex, detailed, and absorbing. You can take a team from expansion status to the World Championship.

each playoff series will be.

The game opens offering various strategy choices to offense and defense. You must make those decisions, control player substitution, pass, shoot, block shots, and double-team. The faint of heart can play three-, six-, or nine-minute quarters instead of the NBA 12. The game feels and sounds like the real sport.



Overall, Omni-Play Basketball rates high marks for the things it will do and very poor ones for the things for which it

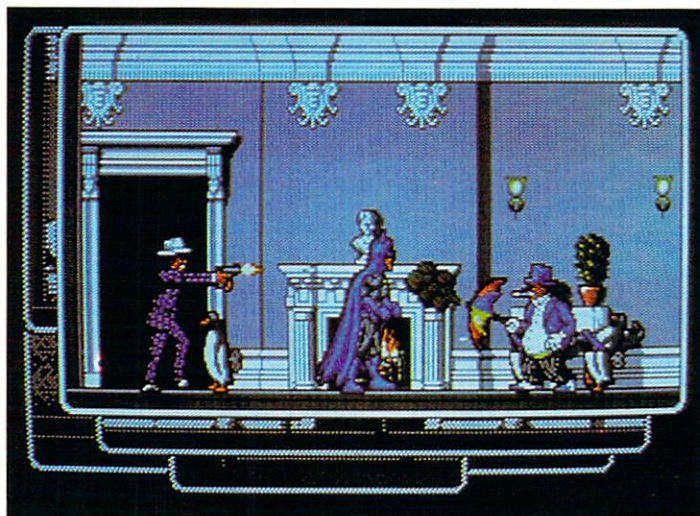
makes you pay extra. (\$49.95, SportTime, 3187-G Airway Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, 714/966-1311. Joystick required.)

## BATMAN, THE CAPED CRUSADER

By Dodson Yaple

YOU SIT IN front of the VCR watching tapes of the old Batman TV show, while perusing your collection of Batman comic books and munching on a snack from your Batman lunch box. But something is

These pallid virtues, however, do not offset the shortcomings of this careless port. Despite having four Amiga sound channels available, it cannot play its sound effects and theme music at the same time.



THWACK! BIFF! ZOWIE!

missing—you want a Batman computer game.

Data East's uninspired port barely qualifies. Batman is short on action and long on needless complication. Even simple object-grabbing requires you to shift to a cumbersome icon screen, where the only thrills are those of inventory management. Except for the costumes, there is no recognizable Batman ambience.

Batman does have an agreeably spare look, with decent, though unoriginal, graphics. Its two separate scenarios allow you to square off against the archvillain of your choice.

The obsolete interface is clumsy and unforgiving, and when you try to quit, the DOS-based copy-protection causes your drive to emit scary, unfamiliar noises that don't stop until you switch off your computer.

Worst of all, the game regularly requires you, as Batman, to pick things off the street and eat them—a nasty piece of business that young Bat-fans might imitate. Holy stomach-pump, Batman, warm up the Bat-ambulance! (\$44.95, Data East USA Inc., 470 Needles Ave., San Jose, CA 95112, 408/286-7074. Joystick required.) ■

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sonalized documents, such as form letters. When it comes time to print, you can select draft or NLQ mode without having to go into the Workbench's Preferences screen. (Scribble! uses a pull-down menu for this option, while Protext uses typed commands.)

Finally, both programs can tally the word count in a document. Protext displays the total along with other statistical information on its Status line, located at the top of the screen. With Scribble! Platinum, you must select Info (equal to Status in the original Scribble!) from the Project menu, to see the word count, page length, margins, and other format information.

### ONLY YOU, PROTEXT

While these programs share capabilities, each has a number of features that differentiate it from the other. One of Protext's strongest points is its time-saving macro capability, which lets you save a series of keystrokes and recall them by pressing one key. For example, you might design a macro that types your address and phone number at a designated place on the screen whenever you press ALT-R. Protext provides some predefined macros, as well, including one that swaps inverted characters. If you accidentally type "wya" instead of "way", simply place the cursor on the y and press CTRL-A to correct the mistake.

Protext's Place Markers, which you imbed in a document, allow you to move between sections of text with one keystroke. Multiple Markers insert text into a document at print time; other markers ignore the spelling of a particular word, or index specific words and phrases.

Foreign language accents and characters (umlaut, tilde, and so on) are available for characters supported by the IBM character set. A special Line Drawing Mode lets you produce Line Graphics with IBM compatible printers.

In addition to the regular Tab function, Protext lets you select Decimal Tab for aligning numbers to the left and right of a decimal point. The Decimal Tab function can be configured to accommodate the use of the comma in place of the decimal point.

Although Protext lacks a complete auto-hyphenation feature, it does supply

a Soft Hyphen. This you enter manually to show where the formatter may hyphenate a word if it is reformatted to appear at the end of a line. There are also provisions for Non-Break Spaces and Non-Break Hyphens.

### JUST SCRIBBLING

A big plus in Scribble!'s corner is its Thesaurus. Invoking it brings up a screen displaying the word you want to replace, its part of speech (adjective, for instance), the first of its definitions, and a number of possible replacement words. Selecting Next lets you view the second definition (if there is one) and lists the possible substitutions for that meaning. The thesaurus can suggest replacements for each word on the substitution list as well, making your list of choices almost endless.

One of Scribble!'s handiest features is Quick Save, which allows you to update documents simply by pressing F4. Because Quick Save writes over the existing file, you'll still have to call up the Save screen if you wish to keep different versions of the same document.

Scribble! Platinum employs a typed Dot command to insert IFF images into documents. Graphics will not appear on screen, but will be included in your hard copy, provided you are using a graphics-compatible printer. If you spot an error, use the Abort Printing command (ESC) to stop your printer in its tracks.

You can customize Scribble! windows by selecting up to eight screen colors, horizontal or vertical overscan, or interlaced mode. Also, you can choose whether or not icons are generated for each document.

### WHAT'LL IT BE?

Scribble! Platinum and Protext are two powerful word processors geared toward different audiences. If you prefer the CLI environment, the straight-forward, no-nonsense Protext is probably for you. MichTron states clearly that you will get more out of the program using it in Command Mode. Protext's 300+ page manual is very detailed, but it rarely refers to the pull-down menu commands. It also lacks diagrams of any type, and is often difficult to follow. With time, anyone could learn to use Protext, but it seems best suited for more experienced users.

Scribble! Platinum, on the other hand, is a good choice for less experienced and younger users. Operating in the Workbench environment, with point-and-click commands, it is easy to learn and use. Scribble!'s manual includes plenty of screen diagrams to complement the written explanations. The graphic elements—such as a camera for Copy mode and scissors for the Cut function—make it difficult to perform the wrong operation. Experienced typists will appreciate Scribble!'s many keyboard equivalents.

Both programs do their jobs quite well, and neither will let you down.

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**By Wayland Strickland**

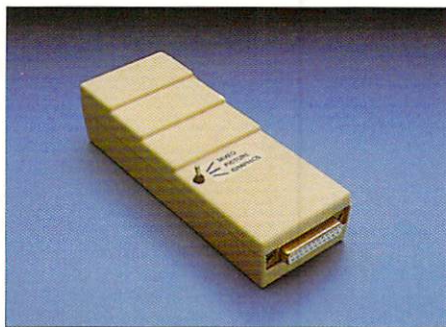
PROGRESSIVE PERIPHERALS AND Software, makers of ProGEN, now offer another genlock for the Amiga. MiniGEN, a tiny 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  × 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  × 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch box, has only three connection points. On one end of the unit are two female RCA connectors through which the unit receives external video (from a camera, VCR, or some other source) and sends a composite video signal for use by a VCR or monitor. On the other end, a female 23-pin D connector joins the genlock directly with the Amiga's RGB port. This setup eliminates the need for cables, but may present problems in tight quarters,



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as it requires you have a seven-inch clearance space behind the computer. It can also make for somewhat awkward switching between output modes: A toggle on the top of the unit lets you select graphics only, external video only, or mixed (graphics overlayed on video).

The unit lacks the usual RGB port loop-through, which sends video directly



miniGEN is small but mighty.

from the Amiga to the monitor. While a loop-through (or a second video output) would probably increase miniGEN's cost, its absence renders the RGB monitor virtually useless. One way around this is to connect the genlock's composite video out to the monitor's composite video in. This allows you to see what you are doing, but is not a cure-all, as the Amiga monitor does not have a loop-through, either. To record under this arrangement, you must disconnect the video line and reconnect it to your VCR.

### LASTING IMPRESSION

I had some doubts about miniGEN when I removed the unit from its package and the top half of the plastic shell came off in my hand. You cannot judge a genlock by its cover, though, and I am pleased to report that miniGEN performed remarkably well.

Without an external video source, miniGEN's output video is unusable, so you must connect a camera, VCR, tuner, or blackburst video signal to the external video input. This configuration will shorten the life of the tube in a tube-type video camera, but has no other detrimental effects. I tried miniGEN with all these sources and had no difficulty.

The results you get from a genlock depend greatly on the reference signal. If you use a videotape with oversaturated chroma, for example, the genlock will ►

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adjust the Amiga's graphic output accordingly. The same is true for video levels and sync. (To get the best reference signal from a videotape, record in the fastest speed possible.)

To test miniGEN, I input a blackburst video signal from a Grass Valley RS170A reference sync generator, which provides a stable video source. (Consumer cameras and videotape machines without time-based correctors tend to drift.) The input consisted of sync -40 IRE (a video-level measurement developed by the Institute of Radio Engineers), burst 20 to -20 IRE, setup 7.5 IRE, and chroma 40 to -40 IRE. I used two sets of color bars for the tests. With a waveform monitor and vectorscope, I created one set based on the composite video output of Super-Gen (Digital Creations). The other set came from the disk packaged with miniGEN.

The genlock's performance changed slightly depending on which output mode was selected. All modes reported sync (which sets the stability of the video signal) at -35 IRE. While sync should, as a rule, be -40, this is not too far off. According to FCC ruling, the setup level (similar to the brightness control on a television set) should be 7.5 IRE. Some situations may dictate that setup be higher (setup in both Picture and Mixed modes is 10), but the only time it should be lower is when a video signal is to be keyed via a switcher. This is not the case

here, although setup in Graphics mode comes in at 5 IRE.

The remaining levels were within tolerance. Graphics mode yielded burst at 23 to -23, white bar at 90, and chroma at 40 to -40. In Picture mode, a slight horizontal phase shift appeared and the reference blackburst video was altered a bit from input. I measured burst at 20 to -20, and chroma at 40 to -40. In Mixed mode, wherein the reference video becomes a background onto which Amiga graphics are overlayed, miniGEN produced these results: burst 20 to -20, white bar 90, and chroma 40 to -40 IRE.

#### SUPPORT CREW

The disk packaged with miniGEN contains several test IFF pictures, and a program called SetLace, which triggers interlaced mode when the genlock is attached. (A1000 models interlace automatically when you connect a genlock, but A500s and A2000s do not.) The 14-page manual describes how to connect and operate miniGEN, and includes some technical information and tips to help you deal with any problems you may encounter.

The output signal from miniGEN was surprisingly good, and ringing occurred around hard edges only when I used a second-generation VHS tape as reference video. MiniGEN does have drawbacks, the biggest being its lack of an RGB loop-through. Nevertheless, it is a

good deal for a very reasonable price.

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## MYPAINT

## DINOSAURS ARE FOREVER

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**By Tim Walsh**

AS THE FATHER of two not-ready-for-recess-time computerists, I am interested in packages such as MyPaint and Dinosaurs are Forever. Both are computerized coloring books, with MyPaint offering a drawing option, and Dinosaurs providing information on prehistoric beasts.

#### NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Getting started with MyPaint (Prism Computer Products) is simple, and requires no reading skills or computer ▶

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MyPaint's large icons are easy for youngsters.

gram's design. These include a moving eraser for clearing the screen, and a man's head shaking side to side representing the Oops! (undo) option. Unfortunately, though, the palette consists of only 12 non-adjustable colors.

You can start by either loading a black-and-white outline image from disk or by

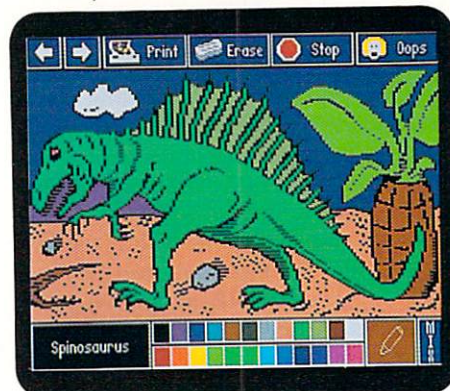
drawing on the blank screen. MyPaint contains 28 pictures on a variety of subjects, and Prism offers additional data disks (\$29.95 each) including one for the alphabet and another for numbers. Digitized voices and sound effects accompany each graphic image on disk; simply click the mouth icon to hear the current picture's sound.

Drawing and coloring is done with the mouse, which should not be a problem for any child able to draw with crayons. Children can draw and color with either the small brush, which draws a fine line, or with the big brush, which renders a thick line. The mirroring option mirrors whatever is drawn. The Fill-em-up tool fills a selected area with color and guarantees staying within the lines. Flashing colors cycles the palette colors on the picture. Kids can save their pictures in IFF format.

Pressing the Help key starts an arrow circling the screen, explaining the functions of each icon and object both verbally and in text form. Once the help process begins, however, there's no stopping until it is finished. Because the

voice uses Amiga speech, it is so difficult to understand that it is practically useless.

Four-year-old Timothy and five-year-



You can mix and change colors on the Dinosaur palette.

old Elizabeth experienced no problems with MyPaint, beyond arguing who would use it first. Both found the digitized sounds entertaining and the large icons easy to use. Elizabeth's biggest complaint was the lack of a bright orange color on the palette.

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# BEYOND EXTINCTION

By the same token, previewing Dinosaurs Are Forever will make a pleasant experience out of teaching your kids to use it. This educational coloring program contains images, names, and descriptions for 26 different beasts. Digitized sound, reminiscent of frenzied pigs being herded with cattle prods, accompanies the loading of each black-and-white low-resolution drawing.

The 24-color palette has provisions for mixing and adjusting individual colors, and coloring is done with the mouse. Each image is saved to disk as the next image is accessed, so when a previously colored image is loaded, the colors are applied once the image appears. Because of this rather odd procedure, it's an absolute necessity to work with a copy of the program disk to prevent unintentional coloring of the master images.

Dinosaurs Are Forever does not allow children to create images of their own design for coloring. Unlike MyPaint, there are no brushes available for detail work; the coloring function works in a delayed fill mode. Once the child selects an area to fill and a color and presses the mouse button, there's a brief delay. Then the selected area instantly fills with color.

A pull-down menu offers various print options. You can output an image by itself, above a calendar (stickers are provided to mark special days), accompanied by a personalized message or a description of the dinosaur, or as a banner (a variety of fonts are available for text). The program includes a transparent color printer driver for output to a color printer.

# HERE COME THE JUDGES

Based on her expressions and level of attentiveness, Elizabeth found Dinosaurs Are Forever less exciting and more complicated than MyPaint. Its physically smaller palette and smaller pointer make the program more difficult to use, and without animation, there's not as much happening on the screen as in MyPaint.

Timothy, conversely, stated that he preferred Dinosaurs Are Forever. I think he based his opinion on subject matter and sound effects. As with Elizabeth, he experienced no major difficulty in using Dinosaurs Are Forever, but tended to ask for more assistance in accessing its features than he did with MyPaint.

While the packaging recommends Dinosaurs Are Forever for children ages three and up, the names of the animals and their descriptions are well beyond

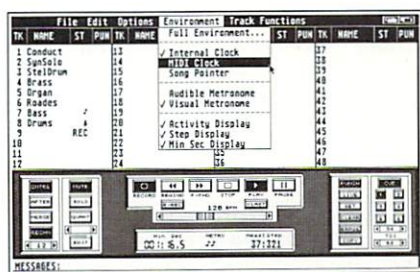
the reading abilities of most three-year-olds. Lacking the smooth, polished execution of MyPaint, the Dinosaurs interface seems like an afterthought (Dinosaurs is a port from other formats). Better programs exist for making calendars and banners and for painting, and I cannot recommend Dinosaurs Are Forever as an educational tool because the information on each animal is so brief. For fun and creativity, MyPaint is the better of the two programs. ►

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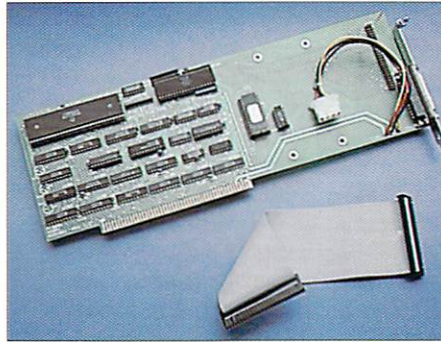
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By Louis R. Wallace

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Based on the TrumpCard (Interactive Video Systems), OverDrive is enhanced by a faster Motorola 68440 DMA controller. Also, it now supports direct autobooting on Amigas equipped with 1.3 Kickstart ROMs. To update OverDrive models not equipped with the autoboot

feature, Pacific Peripherals sells a daughterboard (\$25) that mounts on the card without blocking the hard-drive space.

# ON AND UP

If you buy an OverDrive hard card, installation is as simple as inserting it into a slot. Even if you buy the card separately (purchased this way it comes with mounting bolts and plastic standoffs), getting it together is fairly straightforward.

Once you have installed OverDrive, boot with the supplied floppy disk and specify the type of drive you are using and its device number via the menu on screen. Then format the drive, have the software check for bad blocks, and finally, write data to the drive.

The installation software, somewhat a hybrid of Workbench 1.2 and 1.3, modifies the mountlist automatically. While this is not the best hard-disk installation software I have used, it is not the worst either, and if you follow the documentation, the process is not difficult.

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—John Boule  
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slowed to times of 145K reading and 80K writing under these conditions.

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## CITY DESK 2.0

Save some for laser.

By Nancy Devitt

BECAUSE IT OFFERED a level of con-

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Now, City Desk is back with version 2.0. Like a friend you haven't seen in years, you will find that although it has been through some changes, it is still the same in many ways. The look is similar and some of the old faults are there, but City Desk 2.0 includes new tools that make it especially useful to owners of Hewlett Packard-compatible laser printers.

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owners had to either use PageStream's (Soft-Logik) proprietary fonts or save their output as a PostScript file and employ an additional page-description lan-



**YOUR TURN!**

City Desk 2.0 is fine for first-time users, and offers good improvements. Its manual is revised and expanded, but does not document the font-downloading utility thoroughly. A serious omission is lack of backward file compatibility—the ability to accept City Desk 1.0 files. MicroSearch provides good telephone support.

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guage like PixelScript (Pixelations) to interpret it for their printers.

City Desk 2.0, however, offers a direct route to PostScript. Not only does it recognize all HP Series I and II cartridge fonts, but it also includes a utility that lets you download fonts into your print-

er's memory. In addition, this utility generates PostScript fonts from fonts in your existing directory in different sizes, or in bold, italic, or bold italic.

One bad trait left over from its original incarnation is City Desk's non-WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) screen display. All font selection and formatting is accomplished through embedded text commands, an awkward process that seems primitive compared with other methods.

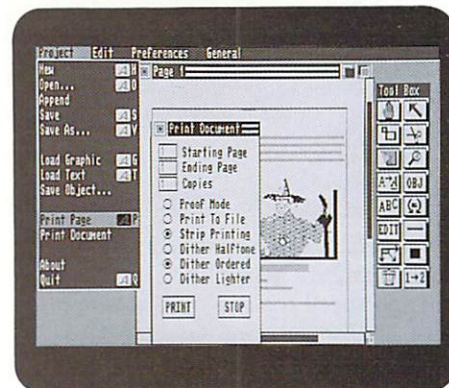
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While City Desk solves problems for laser printer owners, it presents difficulties for dot-matrix owners.

PostScript and other laser fonts follow the typographical point-measurement system (one point equals  $\frac{1}{72}$  of an inch). In the case of bitmapped Amiga fonts, however—which are your only option for printing on a dot-matrix device—a point refers to one on-screen pixel, whose height and width are not fixed but determined by screen resolution.

To produce the standard spacing of six print lines per inch using laser fonts, you

would select a 12-point font size. To achieve the same spacing with a dot-matrix device at a print resolution of 180 dpi, however, requires that you use a 30-



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point bitmapped font. This presents a potential problem in terms of memory, as a 30-point font set occupies approximately 68K. The 90-point font required for a half-inch headline at this resolution would consume more than half a meg.

Another problem related to printing is that while most recent desktop-publishing software provides an easy means of scaling the printout relative to screen resolution, City Desk 2.0 does not. Font resizing must be done from within the body of the text using the Mag command, which can involve some fairly complicated mathematics. The results of this process are sometimes unpredictable, and because City Desk 2.0 does not show text on screen as it will output on paper, a number of trial printouts may be required.

### NO IS ARP

City Desk 2.0 comes with a loose-leaf manual and four disks. A tutorial videotape, which comes packaged with two clip-art disks, is available for an extra \$29.95. The software is not copy-protected and a hard-disk installation file is included. Although the program requires the file arp.library, the manual warns that if you are already using ARP (the AmigaDOS Replacement Project) commands, the installation utility will not work. In spite of the widespread use of the ARP commands and the fact that this constraint could cause difficulty, no detailed instructions for manual installation are given. (Hard-disk owners with ARP installed can get around this problem by ▶

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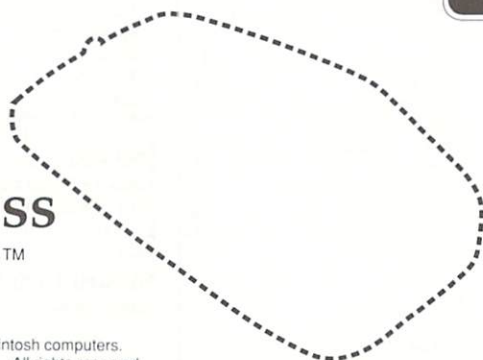
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## PlotPrint (Hi-Tech Graphics)

I agree that the documentation for PlotPrint (reviewed by Stephen El-lerin in the July '89 issue) is very hard to understand, but feel that the program itself is excellent. After much reading of the manual and quite a bit of experimenting, I can now produce an excellent plot of any drawing with virtually no distortion.

—Edward H. Haskell  
Escondido, CA

PlotPrint provides far better print resolution than what appears on screen: It can deliver up to nearly 5000 dots across on a wide-carriage printer at 360 dpi, and 3120 dots on an Epson-type printer. While it is true that you must experiment with scaling factors, it is impossible to automatically scale HPGL output for printers. Furthermore, when PlotPrint takes 12 minutes to output the same drawing Draw 2000 (Aegis) prints in 10, Plot-

Print is outputting at least twice as many dots.

—Michael J. Keryan  
Hi-Tech Graphics

## PageStream (Soft-Logik Publishing)

PageStream (reviewed by Chris Dickman in the July '89 issue) has been designed to support the complete range of printers from 9-pin dot-matrix to downloadable and built-in PostScript fonts. Our font disk A (\$39.95) contains screen fonts, font metrics, and PostScript header files to support all 35 Apple Laserwriter + fonts at the maximum resolution of the printer. ►

assigning SYS: to the drive in which the City Desk main program disk resides.)

City Desk 2.0 is Intuition-based and offers both pull-down menus and key commands for all functions. Because it still includes only minimal word-processing and graphics support, the publisher

recommends multitasking with a dedicated word processor and a paint program at a resolution of 640 × 2 in two colors. Given the program's memory requirements, however, multitasking is not always feasible. City Desk 2.0 would not load on my three-meg A2500 with

WordPerfect running, for instance, and I was unable to print the one-page tutorial example in dot-matrix mode without rebooting—even though no other programs were in memory. On my one-meg A500, attempts at dot-matrix printing caused repeated guru visits (with my HP compatible, however, the program worked fine).

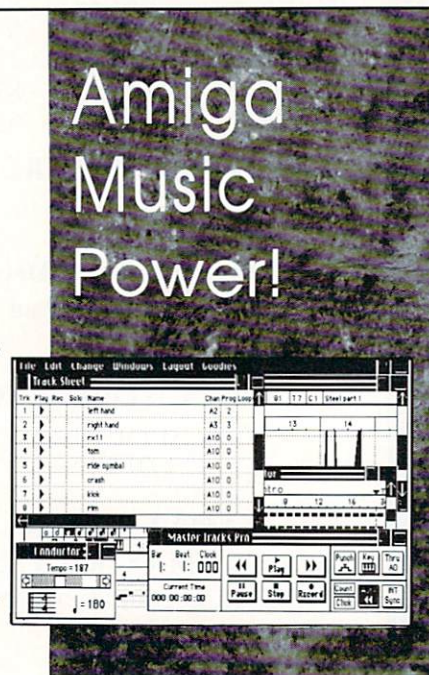
Pages are limited to standard letter size, and the program does not support color printers. A utility is included to convert any color IFF graphic with 64 or fewer colors to 16 shades of gray. The manual recommends processing pictures of more than 64 colors with various commercial programs.

MicroSearch is to be complimented for being the first to recognize the popular and affordable Hewlett Packard lasers and their compatibles. Let's hope this is the beginning of a trend. Compared with other Amiga desktop-publishing programs, however, and with those available for other computers, City Desk's embedded formatting, its lack of color capability, its non-WYSIWYG text, and the limitations regarding page size are unacceptable. Unless you need its laser utilities, I'd pass it by.

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## B A C K T A L K c o n t i n u e d

In the writer's opinion, "PageStream's text import capability is weak" because only two import modules exist at this time. More modules can be added without rewriting the program, and these will be distributed free when completed. In our opinion, PageStream's import capability is limited only by the modules available.

—M.W. Kazmaier  
Soft-Logik Publishing

While PostScript does not rate a mention in the PageStream manual's index, the documentation does state that "You must use screen and printer fonts specifically designed for use with PageStream (or those converted for it)." There is no further mention of this, but a Soft-Logik technical support representative told me the program supports the resident Times-Roman and Helvetica fonts of PostScript printers. To test this support, I created a PageStream document with Times-Roman type and wrote a PostScript program to output the same string of type. The results reveal PageStream's approach to driving a PostScript printer is non-standard.

There is apparently also an optional font disk that provides support for other resident PostScript printer fonts, but again, there is no mention in the manual. The Soft-Logik representative said there was no support for industry-standard downloadable fonts—you must buy Soft-

Logik's own versions of these fonts. The conversion program reportedly under development will add greatly to PageStream's functionality.

—Chris Dickman

### M2Sprint (M2S Inc.)

I was disappointed in David McClellan's review of M2Sprint in the September '89 issue. It is inappropriate for Mr. McClellan to run benchmarks on a system with M2Sprint's minimum configuration. That he included a disk swap is unforgivable! His comparisons were one-sided. The difference between M2Sprint and its competitors, and the cause of the disk swap, is that M2Sprint is a development system, not just a compiler. The reviewer is silent about the fact that we supply over 170 library modules, in source form, with M2Sprint.

Mr. McClellan's primary attack was on our post-mortem debugger, which is standard with our package and not available from our Modula-2 competitors. It was unfair then to compare it to a debugging product for another language.

—Jeff V. Range  
M2S Inc.

In response to David T. McClellan's review of M2Sprint, Mr. McClellan failed to list the configuration of the Amiga on which the tests were performed. To criticize that M2Sprint's compiler and module definitions and libraries are sizable is not realistic. I feel the timing comparison was poorly done. How can the compile and link times represent a true comparison when one includes an unavoidable disk swap? His comparison to Lattice C's debugger was also unfair.

—Bob Lockie  
Burlington, Ontario, Canada

I did not mention every feature of M2Sprint, but concentrated on things that matter to me as a developer, including size, speed, and quality of the tools, and problems that occurred when bringing up programs that run under other compilers without major hitches. Most readers who write to me have no more than 1½ megs of memory and two floppy drives (this was the configuration of the test system). The fact that a compiler running on such a system requires a disk swap does matter. Comparing a Modula-2 package to a C compiler is not unfair because C, and every other language, is competition for Modula-2! For a major project I worked on, we chose C over Modula-2 and Pascal on the basis of tools available for each.

—David T. McClellan □

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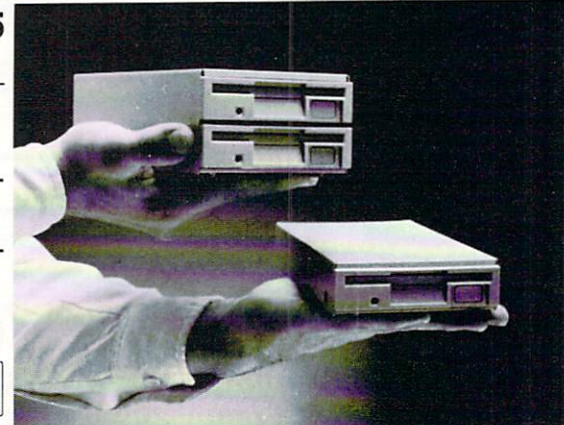


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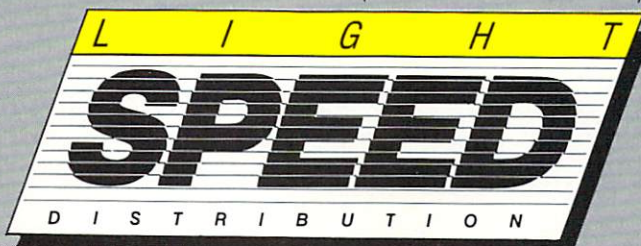
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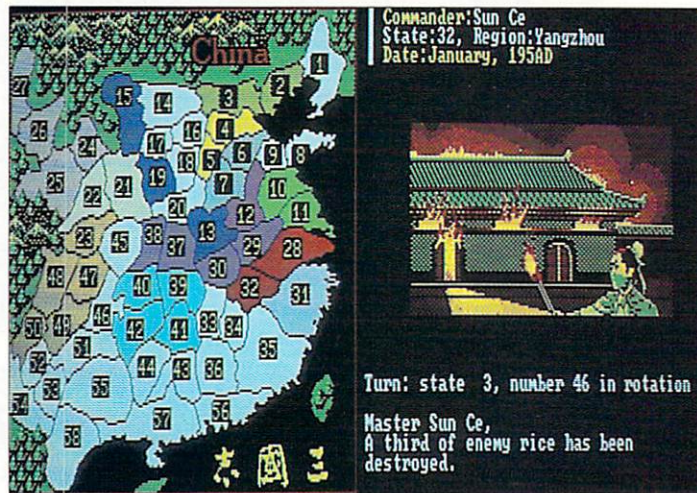
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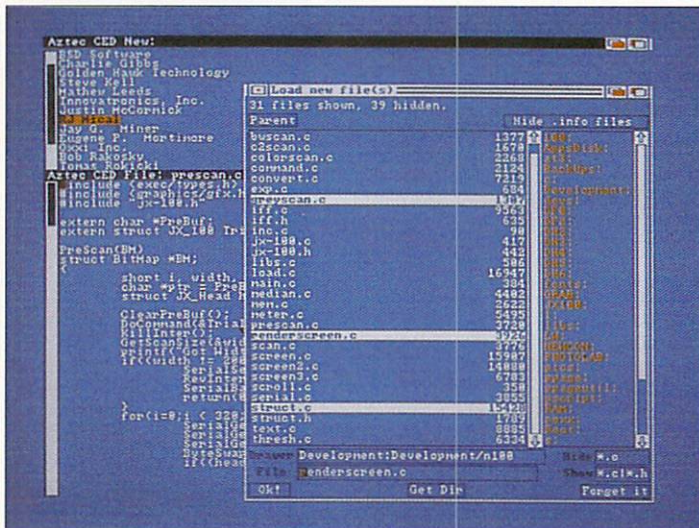
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## CLOSING TROUBLESOME WINDOWS

WHEN ACTIVATING public-domain utilities such as GOMF1.0 (Fred Fish disk #95), from a startup-sequence or CLI, the CLI window from which you started it can't be closed. Consequently, you end up opening another CLI or Shell because the original window no longer recognizes or responds to any commands.

The easiest solution involves activating the unfriendly utility from a CLI using the following command:

```
Run >nil: <nil: Gomf1.0
```

As an equally effective alternative, include the following commands in your startup-sequence:

```
Run >nil: Gomf1.0
```

Either method will redirect the output to NIL: and close the CLI window. (Incidentally, this process also works well with higher versions of Gomf, such as Gomf3.0.) Those troublesome CLI windows will now become a thing of the past!

*Ernie Millan  
Downey, CA*

## HARD-DRIVE WOES

AS A NEW owner of a hard-disk drive, I had a problem where no matter what I did, I simply could not drag icons from my floppies into the hard-disk drive windows. Faced with a lifetime of intensive CLI file-copying activity to transfer files to my hard disk, I knew there had to be an easy solution.

Sure enough, there was. Poised in my startup-sequence was a call to Mach (Fred Fish disk #130). A public-domain mouse enhancer, Mach instantly activates the window that the pointer is currently positioned in, without a press of the left mouse button. While this is otherwise a time-saving feature, it prevents dragging a file or drawer icon into the hard-disk window. When the icon reached the destination window, it transferred control from the source disk and over to the hard disk, thus losing the source icon.

By removing the startup-sequence call to Mach, dragging icons to my hard-disk drive worked flawlessly. If other Amiga users experience similar problems, always check for the presence of Mach or similar step-saving utilities on your disks before placing the blame on the hardware.

*Gary Ludwick  
Huntersville, NC*

## KEEPING TABS VIA FREEMAP

GRAPHICS PROGRAMS, such as NewTek's Digi-Paint 3, MicroIllusion's Photon Paint 2.0, and Electronic Arts' Deluxe-Paint III, all devour enormous amounts of Chip RAM. For instance, with Digi-Paint 3, Workbench, and a typical word processor running simultaneously, you'll usually have only about 200K of Chip RAM available on an Amiga equipped with 512K of Chip RAM. Open several windows or start some serious multitasking and without a doubt, the infamous "You are getting low on Chip memory" messages will start to appear. When you least expect it, you might suffer a non-recoverable system crash and possibly lose whatever you're working on.

There's an easy way to keep track of how much free Chip RAM is available at all times. In the Tools drawer of the Extras 1.3 disk, there's a utility called FreeMap. Activate it by double-clicking its icon and it will reveal how much Chip and Fast RAM is available. Toggling the front/back gadget will hide it from sight when you don't need it. By keeping you informed of how much Chip RAM you're using, FreeMap can help you to avoid disaster.

*Ronald J. Elliott  
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## FASTER FILE ACCESS

IF YOU HAVE one or more megabytes of RAM and no hard-disk drive, you probably think you're out of luck trying to save data to RAM if there's a RAM: option missing in the application software's file requester. Just include a statement in your startup-sequence, such as Assign DH0: RAM:. Then, when saving data to the RAM disk, select the DH0: option as the destination drive. Your files will then be saved to RAM and can be retrieved for later use. For permanent storage, though, just be sure to copy them to floppy disk before powering down.

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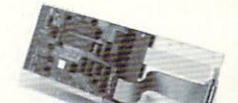
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# HELP KEY

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## WRONG DIMENSION

**Q:** When I dimension 2-D Amiga Basic arrays with more than 70 elements each—`DIM A%(80,80)`, for example—I get an “out of memory” error message. I assume this must be the limit of Amiga Basic’s memory, because my Amiga has over three megs of RAM. Is there any way to get around this? Do other BASICs allow larger arrays?

**B. Cozad**  
Ann Arbor, MI

**A:** The limitation you mention is caused by Amiga Basic’s default memory configuration. When Amiga Basic first starts it only allows 25K of RAM for programs. To access more, you must begin your programs with the `CLEAR` command followed by the amount of memory you want Amiga Basic to use. In the following example I allocated 200,000 bytes and was able to dimension an array of 90,000 elements. If you need more, just clear a larger amount. A good practice is to free that memory when the program is finished by issuing the `CLEAR` command again.

```
'allocate memory
CLEAR,200000&
'declare large array
```

```
DIM A%(300,300)
'your program's body
'would be here
'restore memory on exit
CLEAR,25000
END
```

As for other BASICs offering large arrays, both the AC-BASIC (Absoft) and Hi-Soft BASIC (distributed in the U.S. by MichTron) compilers allow you to use very large amounts of memory in your compiled programs.

## 32-BIT FUTURE

**Q:** I want to add memory to my Amiga, but I want it to be compatible with future hardware upgrades. Should I buy 32-bit memory?

**J. Williams**  
Mannford, OK

**A:** Unless you already have a 32-bit CPU (a 68020 or a 68030), 32-bit memory makes no sense. For now, install a conventional memory board. Although it will not be 32-bit wide memory, the RAM will still be usable if you upgrade to a 32-bit CPU. You can decide then whether to add a 32-bit RAM board. Currently, the Commodore A2620 68020 board comes with two megabytes of 32-bit memory and is expandable to four. Other boards (such as Great Valley

Product’s impressive 68030 accelerator card) can contain up to eight megabytes of 32-bit RAM.

## RAMDOS RESCUE

**Q:** I am having trouble with my file RAMDOS. The listing is:

```
makedir ram:c
copy df0:c/copy ram:c
ram:c/copy df0:c/cd ram:c
ram:c/copy df0:c/delete ram:c
ram:c/copy df0:c/info ram:c
ram:c/copy df0:c/dir ram:c
assign c: ram:c
df0:c/path df0:c
```

After executing this, all the files I need are in RAM: and work perfectly. When I leave the CLI by executing an `ENDCLI` command, I can no longer return to the CLI. I point and click on the CLI icon and nothing happens. According to Workbench’s Last Error option, no error seems to occur. Help!

**C. Abbate**  
Oak Park, IL

**A:** The simplest solution is to replace the last two lines of your RAMDOS batch file with:

```
df0:c/path ram:c
```

This command will give you high-speed access to the above commands from the RAM disk, and will allow you to exit the CLI via an `ENDCLI` command and return by clicking the CLI’s icon.

A far better method is to use AmigaDOS 1.3’s Shell instead of the CLI. With the Shell you can make the above

commands resident, available to all the Shells you open. Try adding the following to your Startup-Sequence in the S: directory of your boot disk:

```
resident df0:c/info
resident df0:c/cd
resident df0:c/delete
resident df0:c/dir
```

## MAKE A LIST

**Q:** I am a new Amiga owner and want to use this wonderful machine for some very large databases. As owner/manager of an international toy distribution facility, I need to keep a record of all the possible recipients of my products. The database would contain important information such as the person’s name and address, what kind of products they requested, and, most importantly, meaningful information describing the individual’s behavioral patterns during this calendar year. It would be nice if I could keep a picture of the person in the file too. I also need to keep track of such things as the amount of reindeer chow I buy, as well as a small-employee personnel file. What do you think would work?

**S. Nicholas**  
North of Canada

**A:** I suggest either Superbase Professional (Precision Incorporated) or DataRetrieve Professional (Abacus). Both should be able to do what you need. ■



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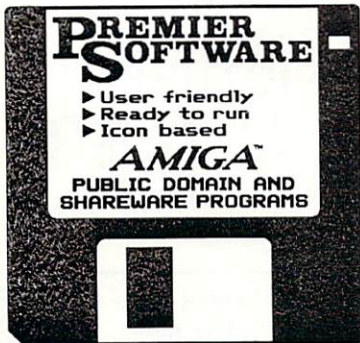
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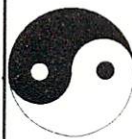
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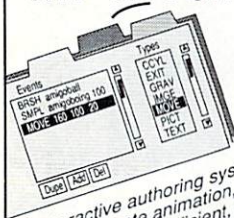
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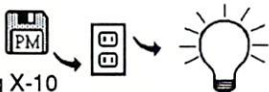
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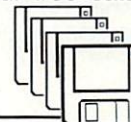
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