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Amiga News

From Here and There

Computer Legend and Gaming Pioneer Jack Tramiel Dies at Age 83

Jack Tramiel, founder of Commodore International and crucial figure in the early history of personal computing, passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, 08 April 2012, his family confirms. He was 83 years old.

Tramiel was born in Poland to a Jewish family in 1928. During World War II, he and his family were sent to Auschwitz, after which he and his father were sent to a labor camp called Ahlem, near Hannover. Tramiel was rescued in April 1945 and emigrated to the United States in 1947.

In America, Tramiel started a typewriter repair business. Staying in the forefront of technology, his typewriters morphed into calculators, and later computers. In 1982, Commodore International launched the

Commodore 64, which went on to be the best-selling personal computer of all time. In 1984, after being forced to leave the company he founded, Jack bought the crumbling Atari Inc.'s Consumer Division and formed Atari Corporation.

Jack Tramiel was an immense influence in the consumer electronics and computing industries. A name once uttered in the same vein as Steve Jobs is today, his journey from concentration camp survivor to captain of industry is the stuff of legends," says Martin Goldberg, a writer working on a book about the Atari brand and the early days of video games and computing with Atari Museum founder Curt Vendel.

"His legacy are the generations upon generations of computer scientists, engineers, and gamers who had their first exposure to high technology because of his affordable computers – 'for the masses and not the classes.'"

Tramiel is survived by his wife Helen, their three sons, Gary, Sam, and Leonard, and



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their extended families.

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Cinnamon Writer v0.80 released

It is a pleasure to announce that version 0.80 of Cinnamon Writer is available for download at desler.be

<http://desler.be/modules/wfchannel/> Or at OS4Depot.net:

http://os4depot.net/?function=showfile&file=office/wordprocessing/cinnamon_writer.lha

Cinnamon Writer is a compact and efficient word processor developed especially with Amiga and Amiga-like systems in mind. CW have all of the basic functionality expected of a modern word processor. This includes changeable layout style, support of anti-aliased truetype fonts, infinite "intelligent" Undo/Redo history, user defined page setup, and file compatibility with other word processors such as Word and OpenOffice that can use RTF or DocX files.

New in version 0.80:

CW now supports spell checking while you type: I have been able to port a small and very efficient spell checker and integrate it into CW. As a result, you now have the possibility to have your document checked for spelling mistakes while you are working with it. You are able to work with as many different languages within the same document as you wish. When a miss-spelled word is detected it is highlighted and, if possible, suggestions for replacement are given. Please read the supplied manual for usage.

English and German dictionaries are supplied as standard with CW 0.80 and dictionaries of

other languages will be made available from the download section of <http://Desler.be> in the near future.

Better integration with AOS:

The focus of CW has so far been to implement functionality and not necessarily implement the typical Amiga feel that people would expect from a project like this. As the feature list is now becoming more and more comprehensive I will start integrating the small things that make the program more "Amiga" like and ease the daily use. Implemented in this version are a comprehensive collection of short-cut keys and the introduction of a right-click menu. This work will continue in future versions of CW.

Printer / PDF functionality of CW 0.80 has not been improved since the prior version. Any inconsistencies therefore still exist. This will be improved in a future version.

A lot of work has been put into this version, however bugs may still persist. If you find a bug and it is not described in the "Known problems" in the manual, please submit it to me at bugs@desler.be. You can also use the new bug tracker, which you can find here: http://desler.be/modules/mantis/main_page.php

Visit the homepage for more information here:

<http://desler.be/modules/wfchannel/>

To submit an article for this newsletter, please contact Kevin Orme (amigau@oz.net) or Wendell Watanabe (wendell@eskimo.com) The deadline for articles and items for sale is by the second Friday of each month.

Registering Interest for AmigaOne X1000

We are currently collecting details for customers interested in the next production run of AmigaOne X1000

<http://amigakit.leamancomputing.com/x1000/> which is due out in the Q2 of 2012.

Customers who were not successful in securing one out of the first batch do not need to contact us as we have already given them priority for the second batch.

If you wish to purchase an AmigaOne X1000, please go to the product website <http://amigakit.leamancomputing.com/x1000/> and register your interest. We will then contact you by email once ordering is open in next quarter.

Note that at this stage, you are not placing an order, you are just registering interest in the product.

AmigaOne X1000 Product Website:

<http://www.amigakit.com/x1000>

WinUAE v2.4.0 released

A new version of the popular Amiga Emulator has just been released

New features:

- VSync supported in fastest possible CPU and JIT modes, complete rewrite, fast, 100%



jitter free.
- Built-in CD file system. Full Amiga CD compatibility, including audio tracks and Amiga Rock Ridge extension,

without need for manually installed CDFS, completely replaces old CD option that mounted CD drives as read-only hard drives. NOTE: CD device names renamed to standard CDx: (Old was WinCD_x:)

- Commodore A2024 monitor emulation. (1024*1024 grayscale monitor)
- Individual Computers Graffiti emulation.
- PCMCIA IDE hardfile emulation.
- USB game controller low latency raw input mode is now the default. (Mouse and keyboard support was already implemented long time ago) Windows Vista and newer only. Custom input mappings may need resetting.
- PC keyboard mode, keys like home, end, page up, page down etc are mapped to Amiga key codes.
- Input configuration qualifier key/button support. Any key or button can be configured as a qualifier and other key mappings can be configured to require one or more active qualifiers.

and more...

Download Installer version:

<http://www.winuae.net/files/InstallWinUAE2400.exe>

Download ZIP version:

<http://www.winuae.net/files/WinUAE2400.zip>

For more and the latest please visit the Official WinUAE Website:

<http://www.winuae.net/>

Floppy autoloader takes the pain out of archiving 5000 Amiga disks

Filed under: classic hacks, misc hacks

Archiving data from old floppy disks can be a tedious process at best. Poorly labeled disks combined with slow transfer speeds put it high on the list of things we would rather not

do, and it turns out that [Dweller] was of the same opinion. With an estimated 5,000 floppies in his collection, he finally decided it was time to clean house.

With no idea of what was stored where, he decided the best way to go about the process was to read all of the disks, archiving everything, saving the sorting process for later. He originally started by building a floppy autoloader out of Lego Mindstorm parts, which looked good on paper, but performed pretty poorly.

He came across an old floppy duplicator on eBay and figured that since the machine was built for handling gobs of disks, that it was the perfect base for his autoloader. He pulled the mechanical bits from the machine, incorporating them into the rig you see above. He swapped out the duplicator's brains for an Arduino, which allows him to batch copy his disks and save a picture of each label with little effort.

He says that the system works great, making his life a lot easier (and less cluttered!)

Check out the video below to see his floppy autoloader in action.

Source:
<http://hackaday.com/2012/03/31/floppy-autoloader-takes-the-pain-out-of-archiving-5000-amiga-disks/>

Quick Links

Gathered by Moxee

AmigaOne X1000 AmigaOS Update
posted by zerohero on 20-Apr-2012

The first update to AmigaOS for the AmigaOne X1000 is now available. This

update adds the following features:

- serial.device for the serial ports
- sb600ide.device for hooking up PATA devices

Registered customers can download the update directly from Hyperion Entertainment
<http://www.hyperion-entertainment.biz/>

Sirena AHIW v1.00 released
posted by Templario on 5-Mar-2012

Sirena AHIW is a program created with Hollywood for Amiga OS 4.x., MorphOS 2.7, and Windows XP or higher.

Sirena AHIW is an easy program to handle your pictures to use on your web pages projects or you need a fast and easy tool to edit them.

This program is portable you don't need install it and it can run from an USB pen drive, etc.

More information:
<http://www.morguesoft.eu/Paginas/Software.htm>

Amiga Future: New Full Versions Online
posted by Andreas Magerl on 06-Mar-2012

The download area of the Amiga Future homepage has been updated again. There are new full versions online.
<http://www.amigafuture.de/spenden.php>

Ogg Vorbis and Ogg Theora plug-ins released
posted by softwarefailure on 7-Mar-2012

Two new plug-ins for Hollywood 5.0 have been released today:
- The Ogg Vorbis plug-in allows you to play sound files in Ogg Vorbis encoding with Hollywood - and the Ogg Theora plug-in

allows you to play video files encoded with the Ogg Theora codec with Hollywood.

You can download them from the official Hollywood portal:

<http://www.hollywood-mal.com/>

Aglet Modula-2 PPC v3.2 released
posted by tbreedon on 8-Mar-2012

A new download of the Modula-2 compiler for Amiga OS4 is available now at OS4Depot:
<http://os4depot.net/?function=showfile&file=development/language/agletm2ppc.lha>

Sirena Player v2.10 released
posted by Templario on 11-Mar-2012

Sirena Player is an easy program to play music files for Amiga OS4 and MorphOS 2.7. This player supports some mod files (Protracker), mp3, ogg, and wav files. Also it is portable and it doesn't need other external files.

<http://www.morguesoft.net>

Timberwolf Beta 3 released
posted by vox on 13-Apr-2012

Welcome to Timberwolf 4.0.1.0043 the third beta release of the Timberwolf web browser, based on Firefox (R) technology.

Version: 4.0.1.0043

Date: 13 April 2012

Requirements: AmigaOS 4.1 Update 4

<http://os4depot.net/index.php?function=showfile&file=network/browser/timberwolf.lha>

Jack v3.1 released
posted by djrikki on 15-Apr-2012

Jack 3.1 is now available for immediate download for all Amiga-like operating systems: AmigaOS4, AROS, MorphOS, and

Classic systems. Non-AmigaOS 4 users should read the notes outlined below.

For the time-being Jack can only be downloaded from OS4Depot.net:
<http://www.os4depot.net/index.php?function=showfile&file=utility/workbench/jack.zip>

NetSurf v2.9 pre-release
posted by zerohero on 15-Apr-2012

NetSurf 2.9 is a small, fast, CSS capable web browser for AmigaOS 4.1. It sports an OS4 native GUI and does not require AmiCygrix. The OS4 code is not related to NetSurf-68k, which in turn is not representative of the user interface of NetSurf on any other platform.

This is a pre-release, there may be minor changes before a final release of v2.9.

<http://www.netsurf-browser.org/>

SketchBlock v1.4 released
posted by broadblues on 11-Apr-2012

SketchBlock 1.4 has been available on os4depot for the last 24 hours or so, but I've been busy in the studio all day so couldn't post a news item till now.

Get it from Os4Dept:

<http://os4depot.net/index.php?function=showfile&file=graphics/edit/sketchblock.lha>

Debian Linux for AmigaOne X1000
posted by zerohero on 15-Apr-2012

Debian Linux <http://www.debian.org/> is now available for AmigaOne X1000 First Contact customers.

Registered customers can download the required installation guide and kernel directly from Hyperion Entertainment
<http://www.hyperion-entertainment.biz/>

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