

# A.M.U.S.E. NEWS

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## Amiga News

From Here and There

### AmigaOS 4.1 Classic available for purchase

AmigaOS 4.1 Classic, the long awaited Classic Amiga system update is now available for purchase. AmigaOS 4.1 Classic updates your Classic Amiga equipped with CyberStorm PPC or Blizzard PPC to the latest AmigaOS 4.1 (Update 2) standard and builds on the foundations of AmigaOS 4.0. This is the first major update for Classic Amigas for three years.

Supplied on Amiga CD with Boot Installation Floppy Disk, two printed manuals, and box.

Notably this latest system software provides support for ZorRAM Memory Expansion due to the extra memory burdens of modern applications.

Amid the many improvements, AmigaOS 4.1 Classic also supports Warp3D hardware

acceleration, support for Radeon, Voodoo 3/4/5, and Cybervision / Blizzardvision PPC (stable beta version for Permedia2-based cards).

Elbox hardware such as Mediator PCI busboard and FastATA are supported. FastATA now has native driver support.

This update is the result of many months of hard work to bring new life to Classic Amigas. Special thanks go to Hyperion Entertainment, Carl Moppett, Darren Eveland, Steven Solie, Michael Boehmer, Elbox Computer, ACube Systems, Martin Merz, and the many beta testers.

Where To Buy: AmigaKit.com  
[http://amigakit.leanmancomputing.com/catalog/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=1035](http://amigakit.leanmancomputing.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=1035)  
Alinea Computer (Germany)  
ACube Systems (Italy)

### Nemo 2 Update

A-EON Technology is pleased to announce that following an extensive test programme



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Varisys are about to commence manufacturing the full complement of Nemo 2 motherboards for the AmigaOne X1000 Beta Test Team. As part of the pre-qualification process, Varisys have ported the PowerPC version of Debian Squeeze to demonstrate that all onboard components and subsystems are working as expected. The AmigaOS4 developers have also been busy porting the latest version of AmigaOS4.1.x

### Cool Running

The energy efficiency of the PA Semi CPU was fully demonstrated during the testing phase. A thermal imaging camera was used to measure the CPU and board temperatures while running Debian Squeeze in dual-core under full load conditions. A maximum CPU/Heatsink/Fan assembly temperature of 31.1C was recorded while playing a DVD on a software rendered 1920x1200 full screen display. With the CPU fan disconnected the temperature rose to meagre 34.6C with a CPU core temperature of 61C.

### AmigaOne X1000 Update Article

We are also pleased to announce that the next issue of "Amiga Future" magazine will contain a Nemo 2 update article. Issue 91 (July/August) should be released in early July and can be ordered from the "Amiga Future" website or your local Amiga reseller.

### Sam460ex motherboard - Lite version

To celebrate the upcoming summer season, ACube is happy to introduce you to a new Lite version of the Sam460ex:

Sam460ex motherboard - Lite 1 Ghz  
512 MB DDR2 AmigaOS4.1 included Price  
Euro 599 (Euro 499.50 for the industrial version)

Also available as a complete system with the following characteristics:

Sam460ex - Lite 1 Ghz  
Case LC-Power 2039MB-MBS  
512 MB DDR2  
Radeon 9250 PCI - 128 MB  
HD SATA2 Western Digital 500 GB  
AmigaOS4.1 pre-installed

Note that these are limited offers until stock last, and sold only from ACube Systems directly.

Prices exclude VAT and shipping cost. Please contact us for more information using the contact page: <http://www.acube-systems.biz/index.php?page=contacts>

### SAM 460ex Basic System from AmigaKit

We are pleased to announce that the SAM 460ex Basic System is now available from AmigaKit.com

Pricing is including VAT in Europe/UK. We do not charge PayPal fees on top of the price.

SAM 460ex Basic System is a new ready-to-go prebuilt AmigaOS 4.1 compatible system:

1150Mhz PowerPC SAM460ex board with new Uboot 2010.6-05 firmware  
1GB RAM System Memory  
500GB SATA Hard Disk Drive (7200RPM 16MB cache)  
Amiga OS 4.1 & latest Update 2 pre-installed on hard disk

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The deadline for articles and items for sale is by the second Friday of each month.*

AmigaOS 4.1 Backup CD, 48-page manual, license and box. Silicon Motion SM502 embedded MoC (audio/video) max 64MB Gfx RAM or Radeon HD option  
Audio sound system on-board: Audio 5.1 Realtek ALC655 codec <sup>2</sup>  
Black/Silver Case with 300W PSU  
Peripherals are optional extras: AmigaOne Boing Ball Keyboard and Boing Ball Mouse which are not supplied as standard.  
<http://www.amigakit.com> Amiga Computer Store

### **DiscreetFX Celebrates Sixteen Years of Existence- Launches Project Metropolis**

To Celebrate it's 16th Birthday DiscreetFX is once again helping the Amiga community by Launching Project Metropolis.

<http://www.discreetfx.com/ProjectMetropolis.html>

What is Project Metropolis you might ask? It is a Instant Download Application Storefront for Amiga OS 4.x, MorphOS, AROS, and Classic Amiga. We will not only sell our own applications there, we will sell 3rd party programs as well. A very generous revenue share has been setup for the developer and is paid monthly.

3rd Party developer gets 80%

DiscreetFX gets 20%

The application approval process is very



easy and the market will decide which apps are good or bad not DiscreetFX. Now, finally customers will have a central

place to buy and Instantly Download their Amiga OS 4.x, MorphOS, AROS, and Classic Amiga apps. Developers can focus on creating their great applications and even games, then be confident users will actually see them since there will be a quick cloud based solution for customers to buy them.

Welcome to the unified future of buying all your Amiga Os 4.x, MorphOS, AROS, and Classic Amiga commercial applications in one place. Free programs are of course available from AmiNet like they have been for many years.

If you are a developer and wish to contact us about this venture please use the link below. Great developers and DiscreetFX partnering together is what will make this a fantastic success.

<http://www.discreetfx.com/contact.html>

### **Amiga's Magic Factory comes to its end**

In the brief days the project of Amiga's Magic Factory will come to its definitive end. The web page will close and disappear and the projects of PNG icons will neither be already updated they nor will be created new either.

The interested people in the PNG icons that download now the packages before in two weeks the page disappears.

More info: <http://www.amigasmagicfactory.es/>

### **Countdown to CommVEx 2011, July 23-24**

Greetings, all Commodore and Amiga aficionados!

The Commodore Vegas Expo v7 2011 is coming to Las Vegas, Nevada, USA on July 23-24. Sponsored by the Fresno

Commodore User Group and the Clark County Commodore Computer Club (of Las Vegas), this year's CommVEx will have plenty to tickle your C= or Ami fancy. We have a line-up of guest speakers, great Commodore and Amiga raffle prizes (including an Amiga 2000 Video Toaster system), door prizes, freebies, and exhibits.

CommVEx hours are officially from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday. Late Friday afternoon is set-up time, and you are welcome to join us. On Saturday night, we unofficially go late into the early morning.

CommVEx costs \$10 per person. Whether you come for one day or both days, just \$10. If you want to set up an exhibit or presentation table, just pay your admission. If you want to set up a vending table, just pay your admission and give an item for a raffle/door prize.

Our venue is the comfortable Las Vegas Club Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas, 18 E. Fremont St., right next to the dazzling Fremont Street Experience. We'll be in the third floor, Left Field Room.

Las Vegas Club Hotel & Casino  
18 East Fremont Street  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
For a description of the hotel, please go to:  
<http://vegasclubcasino.net>

You can book your rooms on that site or at Hotels.com. Just search for Vegas Club Hotel. Or by telephoning the hotel and asking for the CommVEx rate. Rates are as low as \$33.60 (including taxes) per night for three nights. Hint: I got the lowest rates by going to Hotels.com, but the pricing is constantly fluctuating, so it is best to compare the hotel website with the CommVEx rate with Hotels.com.

To read up on all the CommVEx guests/presentations, exhibit, raffle, and hotel details, go to:  
<http://www.portcommodore.com/commvex>

To read up on the latest and participate in CommVEx discussion, go to:  
<http://www.commodore.ca/forum> and click on ComVEX.

I want to thank all previous CommVEx attendees and supporters for your encouragement in the past. I'd like to thank 5C's president Al Jackson and his club for his help and support.

Come join fellow Commodorians and Amigans who in the past have traveled in from Denmark, Belgium, England, Turkey, Italy, and Canada. Come to learn and to have fun with the Commodore and Amiga computers. Come to CommVEx!

Sincerely,  
Robert Bernardo  
organizer, Commodore Vegas Expo  
Fresno Commodore User Group  
<http://videocam.net.au/fcug>

## Quick Links

Gathered by Moxee

Jack for AmigaOS - 0.99 Beta released  
posted by djrikki on 17-May-2011

Jack for AmigaOS - 0.99 Beta released  
(Give Jack a home on your Workbench)  
<http://os4depot.net/?function=showfile&file=utility/workbench/jack.lha>

WinUAE v2.3.2 released  
posted by AmiKit on 2-Jun-2011

The most advanced and most popular Amiga emulation engine for Windows has been

updated. Download from  
<http://www.winuae.net/>

IceFileSystem 2.5 and IceDoctor 1.0  
released for MorphOS  
posted by Returner on 23-May-2011

IceFileSystem:  
<http://blubbedev.net/icefs/>  
IceDoctor:  
<http://blubbedev.net/icefs/doctor.html>

Jack v1.1 Released on OS4Depot  
posted by djrikki on 23-May-2011

Jack v1.1 is essentially a quick fix to the  
numerous bugs spotted during the Beta  
release. But at the same time it also includes  
a number of new features to this version that  
I wish to share with you all.

Check version number before downloading:  
<http://os4depot.net/index.php?function=showfile&file=utility/workbench/jack.lha>

HD-Zone.com website changes and updates  
posted by HammerD on 26-May-2011

I just wanted to let everyone know that I'm in  
the process of overhauling <http://www.hd-zone.com>. There is already much there about  
AmigaOS 4.1 Classic!

Check it out at <http://www.hd-zone.com>

Nouveau 5.30 driver for AROS available  
posted by deadwood on 29-May-2011

A new version of nouveau 2D/3D driver is  
now available for AROS. Focus in this  
release is the increase of performance in 2D  
operations.

The driver will be found in latest AROS  
nightly builds or can be downloaded  
from:

<http://download.aros3d.org/releases/nouveau-hidd-5.30.zip>

Word Me Up XXL 1.3 available on MorphOS  
posted by Glames on 1-Jun-2011

A new version of Word Me Up XXL for  
MorphOS is now available.

You can download a free updated demo  
containing 4 of the 60 game levels  
here:

[http://glames.online.fr/products/wordmeupxxl/WordMeUpXXL\\_Demo\\_Mos.lha](http://glames.online.fr/products/wordmeupxxl/WordMeUpXXL_Demo_Mos.lha)

AROS Broadway 0.0.4 Service Pack 1  
available  
posted by phoenixkonsole on 1-Jun-2011

Broadway is available via <http://www.aros-broadway.de>

Broadway is a AROS distribution... ; )

PS: A friend started a AresOne Facebook  
page... maybe you could give it a  
“thumb up” ; )

AresOne on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/AresOne/214079865278716>

Release of fpga.resource  
posted by elwood on 3-Jun-2011

ACube Systems announces the immediate  
release of the fpga.resource. This is an OS4  
component that provides access to the I/O  
expansion bus found on the Sam460ex  
boards.

Get the archive fpga\_res-53.1.lha here:  
[http://www.acube-systems.biz/download/fpga\\_res-53.1.lha](http://www.acube-systems.biz/download/fpga_res-53.1.lha)

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