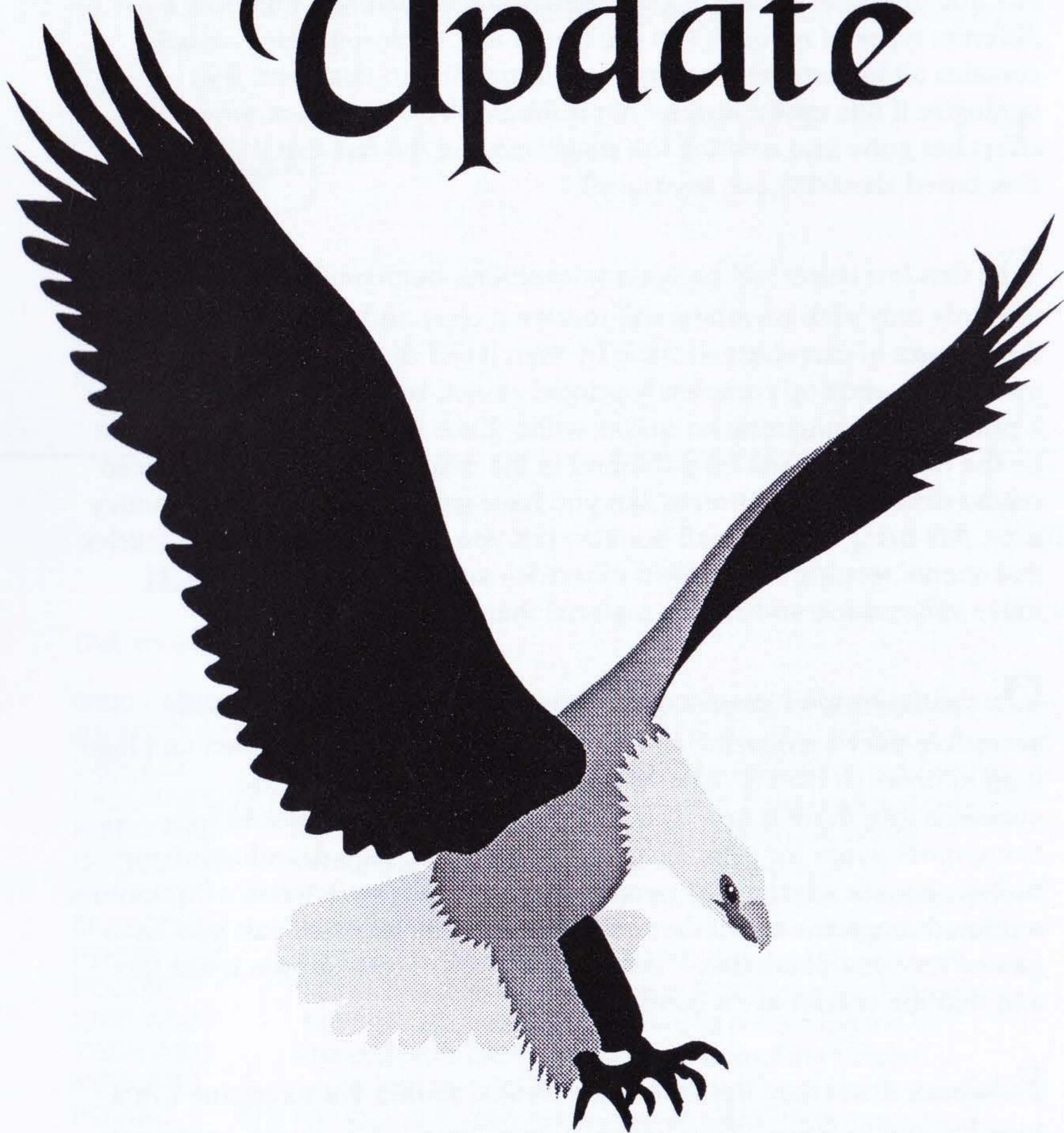


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Falcon Owners Group

Welcome one and all to this premiere issue of Falcon Update magazine, direct from the Falcon Owners Group. There have been a lot of changes around here as some of you may have noticed the main one being the fact that this issue of Falcon Update magazine is actually split onto two different types of media. You will find a disk enclosed which actually contains all the articles we simply could not fit into this issue. We apologize if this upsets anyone but it shouldn't do as a lot of time and effort has gone into creating this magazine and the fact that it is mostly disk based shouldn't put anyone off.

The first few issues will be open to everyone but from issue three onwards only club members will receive a copy and also depending on the amount of members we have by then it will determine whether this publication ends up completely printed or not, but we will always include a printed mini-magazine no matter what. Each issue what we consider to be the best articles will be published in the magazine and the rest placed on the disk. It may not seem like you have gained much for your money now, this being only a small booklet, but you have also gained the articles that simply wouldn't have fitted otherwise and that way have MUCH more information and Falcon material than ever before.

On the downside I guess a disk is less portable and not so instantly accessible than a magazine and requires you to actually sit down and load it up in order to read it. But we feel that the benefits really do outweigh this, there is now four times more articles than would have been, more room for other bits of information like the downloads from bulletin boards which some people may have felt was a waste of space in a printed magazine and if the worst comes to the worst at least you have gained an extra blank disk ! But we are sure you will not see it like this and that the articles are a good read.

Feedback is not only welcome it is essential should this magazine live a long life and prosper. Your letters, points, views, little stories, comments, suggestions, **ANYTHING** is all very much needed. Even if you only drop us a line to say that a program you have works on the Falcon that is something. We would like to compile a large list of compatible titles so if you are willing to test anything from games to PD then please send us the results for addition to our database which will be published in the not

so distant future. Have you had any problems with your Falcon ? if so then let us air your views, maybe somebody reading could help you out. Perhaps you have stumbled across a neat little trick or short-cut to do something better or faster - if so then PLEASE send it on in. Either upload it as a ASCII file onto one of our supporting bulletin boards or throw it into an envelope and post it direct.

Well I hope you enjoy this first ever issue and I look forward to hearing from you all soon, hopefully with something we can include in issue two.

See you soon,



Richard Davey

Club Chairman
Editor - Falcon Update

Disk contents and brief description :-

68000.ASC	A quick introduction to the 68000 family of processors.
BBSFOG.ASC	Full details for getting on-line with the FOG BBS's.
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FALCNRES.TXT	Falcon screen resolutions by John Townsend of Atari.
FIXED.ASC	An introduction to the Falcon Information eXchange.
GAMES.TXT	A round-up of the Falcon games coming soon (!)
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MUSICOM	A review of the much talked about direct-to-disk package.
PDCAT.ASC	A complete list of all the FOG PD disks and order form.
PO.ASC	Interesting look into the support PDL's give the Falcon.
SNIP.ASC	Brief bits of news no-one claims to have provided !!!
TECH.ASC	The complete technical specifications of the Falcon.
NEW.ASC	A stunning look at over 80 new software titles being developed.
PD.ASC	The first look at Falcon public domain disks, more next issue.
SIN.ASC	Superb interview with David Cowan of Sinister Developments.

Please note that we are likely to have added some more to the above after the printing deadline had been reached, therefore please consult the file UPDATES.ASC in the root directory of the disk for a complete list.



News Update

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End of the road ?

Although not directly connected with the Falcon it is concerned with its main rival - Commodore's Amiga 1200. A close source recently informed us that there are plans underfoot to stop production of the new 32-bit Amiga and to concentrate on a new machine currently under development. What with the drop of the A500 Plus and perhaps even the A600 it would seem as if

Commodore is going to put all its eggs in one basket and wage all-out war on the Falcon with a new, as-yet unseen machine, which is likely to contain the same Motorola 68030 chip and optional DSP slot. But if this is the case then what will become of all the new A1200 owners ? Will they be offered cheap upgrades or machine exchanges ? Or will they be left out in the cold like so many other A500 Plus owners were ? Only time will tell.



News Update

Falcon base machines unavailable

At a recent computer show visitors were able to witness the full power of a Falcon demonstration machine. It was running the new Multi-Tos operating system and also contained a raytraced animation with crystal clear speech. When the dealer was approached with regard to purchase he said that the minimum configuration machines available at present were 4 Megabytes with 65 Mb internal IDE hard drives for just under £900. The dealer informed us that 1 Megabyte base models were not yet available and this was the cheapest offer he could make. Daryll Still at Atari UK confirmed this for us, "At the moment we are selling about 1,000 Falcon's a week, which is all we can get, these are all still 4 meg machines with hard disk, so I cannot help you with respect to the smaller version yet."

STOS Users - don't panic !

Probably the most widely used programming language on the Atari ST is Mandarin Software's excellent STOS Basic, with its host of features

and power available through simple basic commands it has become a standard even given away with the machine. But what are your chances of running this legendary package on a Falcon ? Actually they are very good ! For there is now a special patch program in the public domain sector that enables STOS basic to work on the Atari TT machines but it also allows full compatibility with Falcons. At present only the normal commands are available but given time a new Falcon extension is due from **Top Notch** Software, the clever guys behind the brilliant Misty and Missing Link extensions for STOS Basic. Initial plans are underway to allow you to utilise the full range of screen modes and sound capabilities that the Falcon offers, surely something to look forward to for programmers everywhere.

Alternatively you could just wait for the official release of FALCOS, the Falcon version of the popular AMOS Pro on the Amiga, but as this is still under development don't ditch your STOS manual.

Goldrunner running OK!

Yes as bizarre as it may seem we just thought we would tell you that lovers of Microdeals classic ST shoot-em-up Goldrunner will find it runs perfectly on the Atari Falcon! This is due to programmer Steve-Bak sticking to Atari's official guidelines when coding the game. We will try and provide you with more details of Falcon compatible games as and when they become available.

ST Emulation problems

In a recent magazine it was reported that only about 50% of the old Atari ST software will run correctly with the Falcon 030. This is, we are glad to say, **highly inaccurate**. Provided with the Falcon is a special disk cache program which will slow the drive down to allow virtually full compatibility where before the speed of the machine upset disk protection checks. In fact only a few of the more technical games will not run. Also a Falcon developer informed us that most of the Atari ST demos that you find in the public domain are likely to be non-starters on the Falcon due to the programming tricks used, oh well you can't have everything!

Steel Talons

Anyone who has visited a major arcade in the last few months can't have failed to notice Atari's stunning vectorised helicopter gunship simulator - Steel Talons. Due out very soon it has been

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developed by Koveos on behalf of Atari UK and features full 3D rotational graphics and highly addictive gameplay. If the hand-held Lynx conversion is anything to go by then it should be one to look out for indeed.

Atar Works bundle offer

A top flight multi-function software package, Atari Works, is said to be bundled with official release Falcons. The package comprises of a Word Processing package, Database and Spreadsheet. The individual units are said to be fully compatible with each other allowing data exchange between programs. So it looks like you will be able to get your productive juices flowing as soon as you receive the machine without having to shell out on extra expensive packages.

MicroProse Falcon support possibility

Top flight software house Microprose well known for their stunning simulations and accuracy of detail commented on the Falcon in the Spring 1993 issue of their Gold Club Members magazine Prosepectus. "We will continue to monitor

hardware developments closely. We anticipate continued growth for IBM PC computers across Europe, maintained popularity for Sega™ and Nintendo™ machines and exciting developments for Commodore and Atari

with their A1200 and Falcon machines." Lets see how well they support the Falcon when released. You can obtain a free subscription to the Gold Members Club by purchasing any of the fantastic MicroProse games currently available and returning the registration form. Prosepectus is a quarterly publication and full of the latest software developments.

Labelled for life

HiSoft have announced that they will now be putting special labels on selected products to show if it is Falcon030 Exclusive, Falcon030 Enhanced or just Compatible. Their stunning new art package TruePaint should be on general release by the time you read this costing £39.95, we hope to have a review ready for you soon. HiSoft can be contacted on +44 (0) 525 718181 or Fax them on +44 (0) 525 713716, they accept credit and debit cards.

Falcon bares all!

For those of you who simply wish to get a more in-depth look at Atari's new beast then order a back issue of Atari ST User where they not only compare the Falcon030 to

FALCON OWNERS GROUP

Dear Friend,

We promise to provide all members with a unique quarterly club magazine, called Falcon Update, it will be packed to the hilt with news, views, reviews, interviews, exclusives, programming articles and lots more besides. Professionally printed and bound the magazine prides itself with a high level of journalism and good language structure, making an easy to read but informative and overall interesting magazine.

To accompany the magazine will be our special Hyper Disks. Packed to the brim with exciting new software specially written for the Falcon - everything from games and demos to utilities and graphics. Each Hyper Disk will be supplied with full printed details on how to use the programs and brief tutorials in getting you started.

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All that remains is for us to thank you for taking an interest in the Falcon Owners Group and we look forward to hearing from you soon, why be left out in the cold when you can join with the rest ?

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Richard Davey

Club Chairman
Editor - Falcon Update

the A1200 and PC's but they also have photographs of the Falcon laid bare with its lid taken off! Yes all the chips are on display along with a description of the processor, very revealing reading. Although not as in depth as our article on the 68030 and DSP.

Too much for me!

As everyone is probably well aware the Falcon has jumped by nearly £100 recently. When introduced in November 1993 it was stated as being £499 for the 1 meg model but at the time the dollar was 1.92 against the pound. The fall to 1.43 indicated a 25% price rise hence the splashing of 'Falcon soars'

headlines around the press. At the current time of writing the dollar is 1.56 against the pound so things are looking hopeful yet.

Have we got a case?

Everyone keeps talking about waiting for the Falcon to come out in its new case. Well I am afraid you are going to have to wait quite a bit longer because as far as Atari UK are concerned the new case is simply a 'magazine rumour'. Oh well! Thankfully the news about memory upgrades is totally true and you can expect them to start trickling into the magazine adverts soon. Meaning that 1 meg owners can upgrade to the

'standard' 4 megs quickly and cheaply the installation process being to simply slot the new chips into place. We plan to run a special feature on upgrading your Falcon in a future issue.

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- GAME 107 - Tower Power - strategy game based around chess. Data disk - GAME 108.
- GAME 117 - Fast Freddy - lovely platform game with superb graphics. Very addictive
- GAME 126 - Hunt For Grey November - Destroy the submarines before they get you!
- GAME 128 - Dungeon Lord - A rather good clone of the good old Dungeon Master.
- GAME 129 - Arthur of the Britons - You take control of Arthur and his armies. 1 Meg+
- GAME 130 - Conquest - an amazing Populous type God game - really brilliant! 1 Meg+
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- DEMO 182 - A Little Bit Insane - Sound tracker demo, STE only.
- DEMO 168 - Swiss Megademo - megademo with outstanding intro and Main Menu
- DEMO 165 - Cosmic Jam - 10 part STE demo, very nice
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- POV 121 - Fusion Sound, KGB Intro, DNT, Pleasure Dome 1 & 2, Maggie 9 intro
- POV 120 - Audio Artistic, Lost K, Advert, Syndicate Intro, Special FX Intro, Aura Intro
- POV 119 - My Socks Are My Weapons, Tea Party (1 Meg+), Extream Party, +3 others
- POV 118 - Dentre, Galton 6 Megademo, Factory is Dead, Coding for Fun, +3 others
- POV 116 - Isen Animation (1 Meg+), Digisynth music demo
- POV 115 - Reanimators Music, ABC demo 7, Megatec, OVR megascreen, Similari
- POV 114 - STE 3D scroll (1 Meg+), Mr Music demoeette, Scum of the Earth + 4 others
- POV 113 - Skuzz (1 Meg+), Whittaker Music, Aggression, DMA, F40, Car-toon, FF demo
- POV 112 - Union Demo, Synth Dreams, Illegal Exceptions, Fire Cracker, MCA
- POV 111 - Constellations, Thunderstruck, Money Talks, Phractal, Jing Jang
- POV 110 - Californian Raisins (1 Meg+), Charts 6, Factory, IMA intro, LCC dream scroll

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ATARI Speak Out!

In this exclusive, Falcon Update interview **Daryll Still** of Atari UK, we uncover some of the secrets and myths behind the Falcon and present them to you in a plain straight-forward style.

UPDATE : The Falcon is said to have 1, 4 or 14 Meg configurations. But will it be possible to upgrade to say 6 or 8 Megs of memory, or does the circuit design not allow for this ?

STILL : Memory upgrade boards, I believe will only be available in 1, 4 or 14 from Atari. Third parties may have other options.

UPDATE : The Falcon 030 is a direct challenger to both the Amiga A1200 and Acorn 32-bit series, which market are you aiming for ? The Amiga is essentially a games machine and the Acorn an educational machine, where does the Falcons real strength lay ?

STILL : Falcon is all things to all men. It is not a games machine like the A1200, it is not an educational tool like the Archimedes, it is not a business machine like the PC, nor a multi-media machine like the CDTV or CDI. It is ALL of them.

UPDATE : How viable is the 'multi-media' aspect ? What would the everyday person gain from this ability to process high quality graphics and sound simultaneously ?

STILL : To continue this theme, it should sit at the very centre of the home entertainment system. It can connect to Video, CD, TV, Telephone, Joysticks, Monochrome monitors etc... seperately and, with software, will make superb use of each of them. It will also connect to all of them at the same time and make them talk to each other. Quite simply, it is not

restricted to being master of one trade or Jack of all, it is MASTER OF ALL. Our aim is world domination ! Joking aside, we do not just want to sell to the 10% of the population who buy home computers, we want to sell to the 90% who own CD, Video and other home entertainment. Thus ends the sermon.

UPDATE : What in your opinion is the one main strong point of the Falcon 030 ? For example the A1200 has to be its graphics.

STILL : Falcon is the complete package. As an aside the Falcon has much better graphics than the A1200. It has True Colour, A1200 does not. Top A1200 video mode takes 3 pixels to move from one colour to another, so divide A1200 by 3 then compare (for more on this see the interview with David Cowan of Sinister Developments - Ed). Check how quickly A1200 can process its graphics then compare, look at a true colour picture on a Falcon and distinguish it from a photograph then compare !

UPDATE : What is the threat that games for the Falcon will be simply ports from the PC and not take real advantage of its capabilities just like in the early days of the Amiga and now the STE - a prime example of an under achieving machine.

STILL : Without doubt some of the early games are 256 colour PC ports, but as soon as the first real Falcon games arrive

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the standard will be set for software houses to beat. The STE problem was due to the fact that when we launched it, 500,000 STFM owners existed, to whom STE games would be redundant, whereas an FM game worked on all ST's. This problem will not exist with the Falcon.

UPDATE : Is the Falcon 040 just a 'magazine rumour' too ? Or is it a real possibility in a years time or maybe even sooner ?

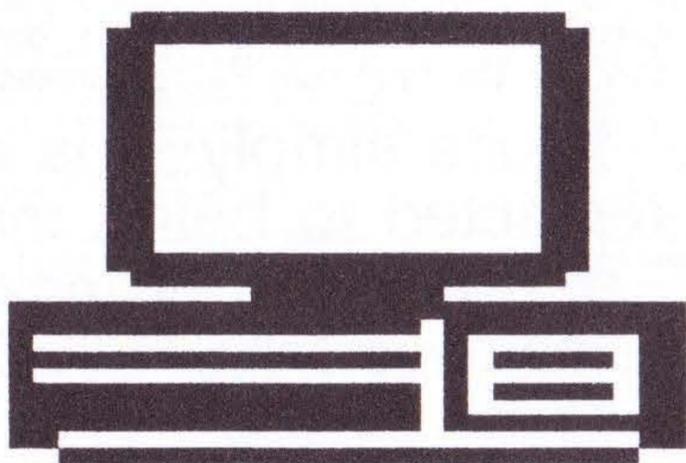
STILL : We are constantly enhancing, improving and updating our products. Whilst not commenting on any specific rumours, some moves are obvious.

UPDATE : With its stunning chips the Falcon can equal and surpass the quality of games produced by the Super Nintendo (some cartridges even have mini-DSP chips in them). But it is unlikely that the Falcon will ever steal any thunder from the console market, why do you think this is ? Or are you more optimistic than me ?!

STILL : At its current price, for pure games, the Falcon cannot compete with the SNES and Megadrive as far as value for money is concerned, however when every home has a Falcon controlling its home entertainment in the same way that (almost) every home has a TV, console's will be redundant as amongst everything else, the Falcon will play the ultimate games.

UPDATE : The Sega Mega CD is available now and stunning kids everywhere and the Amiga CD-Rom drive is out for under £150, are any plans at all existing for a Falcon CD drive ?

STILL : Any PC CD ROM will speak to the Falcon's SCSI port. It is there already.



UPDATE : Because you are unable to connect a second drive to the Falcon, how are public domain libraries going to operate ? Or can a second drive be connected via the SCSI port ?

STILL : Via SCSI is correct. But they can still use the ST to copy or the hard disk.

UPDATE : Will the Falcon drop in price if the exchange rate improves and stays that way, or is it likely to remain too high, out of most peoples reach ?

STILL : When we announced the Falcon in September 1992 the \$ was 1.92 against the £, so we announced £499. Then when we shipped on March 1st the \$ was 1.41 against the £, which is a 25% drop meaning a 25% price rise. The dollar is now at 1.53 and rising, if it gets back up above 1.80 then we are in business !

UPDATE : How many units have you sold (approx.) ?

STILL : 10,000 in Europe.

UPDATE : Is Atari planning to attend any major computer shows within the next year, if so which product is to be pushed the most ? The new sub-£150 STFM or the Falcon ?

STILL : It depends if there are any, we would love to do a PCW type show, unfortunately there are none. Gamesmaster are too games orientated for the Falcon but time will tell.

UPDATE : When is the Falcon advertising campaign set for launch ?

STILL : Next month. (thats NOW - Ed !)

UPDATE : Are high street stores such as Dixons, Comet etc... stocking units yet, if not then why ?

STILL : Not yet, they are waiting for the 1 Meg machine.

Thank you Daryll. We hope that this has answered a few more of your questions and solved a few puzzles too. "Master of all" hmmm ? We shall see.

If you have any questions you would like to raise about the previous points then please write to the editors address and we will open a mailbag section next issue.

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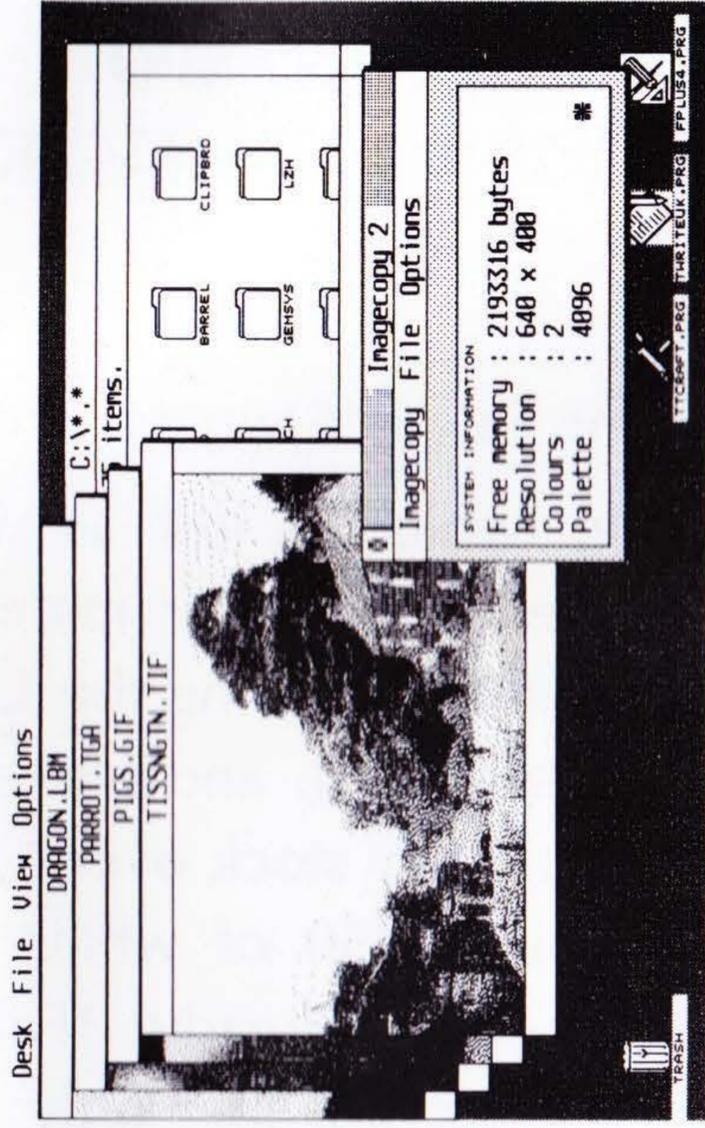
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