

# Acorn Special Access Upgrade Pack

## Release Note

### **The Special Access package**

The Special Access package consists of an A4-sized wallet containing:

- Special Access Handbook
- Special Access Guide
- Special Access Utilities disc
- Release Note
- User Registration Card
- Reply-paid card for Special Access Audio Tape.

If any of these are missing, please contact your supplier.

Your supplier will also have fitted a suitable upgrade card for your computer.

Please take the time to fill in and return the Registration Card to Acorn. This will enable us to keep you informed of new Special Access products and associated events.

The Special Access Utilities disc contains software for use only with Acorn A3010, A3020, A4000 and A5000 computers.

### **Licence**

The software on this disc (with the exception of FormEd) and the *Special Access Guide*, may be freely copied for use in a Special Needs environment, but not for commercial gain, provided that all the requirements of the End-User Licence Conditions for the RISC OS

## *Special Access utilities*

Operating System are complied with. A copy of the End-User Licence Conditions for the RISC OS Operating System is supplied with every computer containing the RISC OS Operating System.

### **Special Access utilities**

The Utilities disc contains the following software:

- ASP 3.02 (16-Aug-92)
- CloseUp 2.20 (03-May-91)
- FlashBell 1.21 (16-Dec-91)
- Flasher 1.04a (29-Apr-91)
- FormEd 1.24
- MicroScop 0.12 (21-Jan-92)
- MoveWindo 0.02 (23-Nov-91)
- Pointer 1.02 (01-Sep-92)
- SpecialKB 2.02 (16-Aug-92)
- SwapMouse

### **Using the utilities**

Documentation on how to use the utilities can be found in the *Special Access Guide*.

### **Late changes to the utilities**

This section documents features of the utilities which have been added or changed since the *Special Access Guide* was written.

### **CloseUp**

The cross-hairs in the CloseUp window show the pointer position, and not the caret/pointer position. This means that when the caret is on and the pointer is in the region of the caret, then a cross-hair will appear within the CloseUp window.

Clicking Select on the CloseUp window toggles the cross-hairs on and off.

Clicking on the CloseUp window with Adjust causes the caret to be disowned by the user. This allows the key-cursor operation to continue (it is very difficult to lose the caret otherwise).

A system variable, CloseUp\$AutoOpen, has been provided which determines whether or not the CloseUp window is automatically opened when the utility is loaded. This is set to FALSE in the supplied Run file.

## **Limitations in use**

Some packages such as Acorn DTP control the caret in a non-standard way which may not fully co-operate with Flasher.

ASP often needs to re-access the application while it is running. This will cause a relatively large number of disc change requests. These can be avoided by storing ASP on a hard disc or on a RAM disc if there is sufficient memory.

Large ASP scanning board templates (e.g. BIG) should be avoided in mode 22.

On start-up ASP assumes it is running in a mode 12-like screen mode. In some screen modes (e.g. 27 and 22) this forces the scanning board either partially or fully off screen. This can be avoided by only allowing windows off screen to the bottom and left. (This is done via the windows dialogue box in Configure). This problem also means that the pointer scanning options will not work fully for some screen modes. If you need to use this option you should restrict the modes you use (e.g. mode 12 for a 16 colour mode and mode 15 for 256 colours).

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