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Subject: Welcome to comp.sys.atari.8bit!

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Welcome to the comp.sys.atari.8bit newsgroup!

Discussion about 8 bit Atari micros.

Welcome to the Usenet newsgroup for discussion about the Atari 8-bit family of computers! These include the Atari 400, 800, 1200XL, 600XL, 800XL, 65XE, 130XE, and 800XE personal/home computers, and the Atari XE System console.

The 400/800/1200XL/600XL/800XL computers were marketed from 1979-1984 by Atari, Inc., of Sunnyvale, California, USA, while Atari was a subsidiary of Warner Communications Inc. (WCI), the media and entertainment conglomerate.

The 800XL/65XE/130XE/800XE computers and XE System console were marketed from 1984-1992 by Atari, Corp./Atari Corporation, also based in Sunnyvale, California, USA.

Today, remaining intellectual property rights associated with the Atari 8-bit family of computers are owned by Atari Interactive, Inc., a subsidiary of Atari S.A. of Paris, France. <http://www.atari.com/>

#### ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

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<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/faqs/atari-8-bit/welcome>

<http://faqs.cs.uu.nl/na-dir/atari-8-bit/welcome.html>

<http://www-ftp.lip6.fr/pub/doc/faqs/atari-8-bit/welcome>

#### NEWSGROUP BACKGROUND

comp.sys.atari.8bit was created in November 1986 (as part of the Great Renaming) as a direct replacement for: net.micro.atari8

comp.sys.atari.8bit is unmoderated, and has no formal newsgroup charter.

The comp.\* hierarchy of Usenet newsgroups is managed by the Big-8 Management Board: <http://www.big-8.org/>

## RELATED NEWSGROUPS

alt.binaries.comp.atari8bit

Programs for Atari's 6502-based orphans.  
(This newsgroup is not widely propagated.)

de.comp.sys.atari

[German language discussion about Atari micros.]

fr.comp.sys.atari

Machines de la gamme Atari.  
[French language discussion about Atari micros.]

pl.comp.sys.atari

Grupa dyskusyjna uzytkownikow komputerow atari.  
[Polish language discussion about Atari micros.]

## WEB FORUMS

Atari 8-Bit Computers forum at AtariAge

[http://www.atariage.com/forums/forum/12-atari-8-bit-computer s/](http://www.atariage.com/forums/forum/12-atari-8-bit-computer-s/)

Atari 8-Bitters Past and Present (Google+ community)

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/11049916749950463960> 9

## SOFTWARE

<http://www.atarimania.com/> "The World's Finest Atari Database"

<http://a8.fandal.cz/> Games, Demos

<http://www.atarionline.pl/> Games, Demos

<http://ftp.pigwa.net/> or <ftp://ftp.pigwa.net/> "Total Demoscene Archive"

<http://www.atari8bit.de/vu/> Homesoft's Disk Images (games)

XL Search "The Atari 8-Bit File Archive Search Engine" (Bill Kendrick)

<http://xlsearch.atari.org/> or <http://www.newbreedsoftware.com/xlsearch/>

Atari SAP Music Archive, <http://asma.atari.org/>

## INFORMATION

Atari 8-Bit Computers: Frequently Asked Questions (Michael Current)

<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/faqs/atari-8-bit/faq>

<http://faqs.cs.uu.nl/na-dir/atari-8-bit/faq.html>

<http://ftp.eq.uc.pt/usenet/usenet-by-group/comp.answers/atari-8-bit/faq>

Atari 8-Bit Computers: Vendors and Developers (Michael Current)

<ftp://rtfm.mit.edu/pub/faqs/atari-8-bit/vendev>

<http://faqs.cs.uu.nl/na-dir/atari-8-bit/vendev.html>

<http://ftp.eq.uc.pt/usenet/usenet-by-group/comp.answers/atari-8-bit/vendev>

Atari 8-bit New User, Emulator Help FAQ (Bill Kendrick)

[http://www.sonic.net/~nbs/new\\_and\\_emu.html](http://www.sonic.net/~nbs/new_and_emu.html)

Atari Disk Image FAQ (Steve Tucker)  
<http://www.atarimax.com/ape/docs/DiskImageFAQ/>

Atari BBS List (Trevor Holyoak)  
<http://atari.holyoak.com/ATARIBBS.TXT>  
<http://www.atariplanet.info/ATARIBBS.TXT>

Easter Egg Compendium (Digital Press)  
<http://www.digitpress.com/eastereggs/atari8bit.htm>

Game Solution Maps  
<http://mapy.atari8.info/>

AtariWiki (Carsten Strotmann)  
<http://atariwiki.strotmann.de/> Information mainly intended for programmers

Atari 8-Bit Cartridges (PitfallJones)  
<http://www.pitfalljones.com/atari.htm>

## USER GROUPS

ABACUS - Atari Bay Area Computer User Society  
<http://www.abacusonline.org/>

ABBUC - Atari Bit Byter User Club  
<http://www.abbuc.de/>

ABBUC RENO - ABBUC Regional Group North  
<http://andymanone.dyndns.org/reno/>

ACEC - Atari Computer Enthusiasts of Columbus  
<http://acec.atari.org/> or <http://www.angelfire.com/oh4/acec/acec.html>

AKPV - Atariklub Prostějov  
<http://www.atariada.cz/atariklub/>

SCAT - Suburban Chicago ATarians  
<http://www.scatarians.org/>

SLCC - San Leandro Computer Club  
<http://slcc.bdgeorge.com/>

SPACE - Saint Paul Atari Computer Enthusiasts  
<http://space.atari.org/> or <http://www.spaceweb.us/>

WASEO - Walkenrieder Anwender-Software Entwicklungs Organisation  
<http://www.waseo.de/>

## NEWS SOURCES

Atari Online News, Etc. (A-ONE) Online Magazine (weekly) (Dana P. Jacobson)  
<http://www.atarinews.org/>

Atari User -- PDF magazine (monthly) (Anglo Internet Press - Steve Wilds)  
<http://atariuser.com/>

PRO(C) ATARI -- print (quarterly), German/English editions (Markus Roesner)  
<http://proc-atari.de/>

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