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IOMEGA ZIP DRIVE

HOT NEW PRODUCT FOR THE AMIGA!

By: Robert Gulley

Hello everyone!

I wanted to write a short note on something you have heard about over the last few months no doubt, the Zip drive from Iomega. Don showed off the drive several months back and I was all in a slather to get one, but unfortunately, nobody had them in stock! Don just walked into Microcenter at the perfect time, I guess and I'll not soon forgive him for it either! At any rate, after much searching and great distress, I finally own one of the little buggers now and I love it.

It works flawlessly between the three platforms I do graphic-type things with and installation was a snap on two of the three platforms... and I bet you know which one had the real trouble... yep, MS-Dos system. (But it should be noted, it does now work with a little trial and error setup, and it works flawlessly.)

For those interested in how to get it to work properly on an IBM clone system, let me know and I will give you all the details. No sense in wasting the space here. The unit that I bought was of course, the SCSI unit, with the other option being a parallel port version. On the Amiga 3000 which I have, the drive installs right through hard drive toolbox like

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Next Meeting: 19 July 1995, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Glendale Public Library
Large Meeting Room
5959 W. Brown St.
Glendale, Arizona

Disk of the Month	Mel Elliott
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US Robotics Demo	Bill Hagan
DirOpus5	Stan Krawczyk
Software Drawing	Battle Isle

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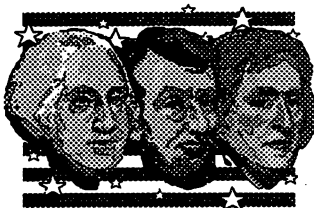
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Aminet #6

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Hi and welcome again to another Amaz! Newsletter. We don't have very many new items this month in the world of Amiga Computing. ESCOM are still working on getting Amiga's back into production but there has been very little of anything new to report in the past few weeks. The Amiga Online electronic magazine is usually the best place to find the latest ESCOM news - our BBS usually has the latest versions.

Back to the club for some of our latest news, as I mentioned last month the new hard drive is online and ready for your latest uploads - feel free to try and fill up the new drive ! Our Sysop has also added the club CD drive to the BBS. This will put an additional 600 megs of the best Amiga shareware on the BBS for registered users.

Since we have subscribed to both the Fred Fish and Aminet CD's, we will always have the latest in PD software and, of course, the older CD's will always be available at your request.

The club is continuing to do well, financially. Most of our current members are renewing their memberships and we have in fact added a few new members over the past few months. Please review the Treasurer's report in this newsletter for the exact balance of our account.

We have finally heard more from US Robotics concerning the modem special they are offering to User Group members. It appears that they are much more willing to move forward with this deal now than they were a few weeks ago. Please contact either Mel Elliott or Bill Hagan ASAP

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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

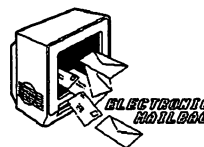
Minutes of the June 1995 General Meeting.

Brian Hunter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Bill Hagan reported on the still ongoing U.S. Robotics modem user group discount deal.

Mel Elliott previewed the latest Disk of the Month and also demonstrated some new features of Final Data, the flat file database from Softwood.

Stan Krawczyk showed a video he created with Scala which was used by the 48-Hour Marine jet ski company

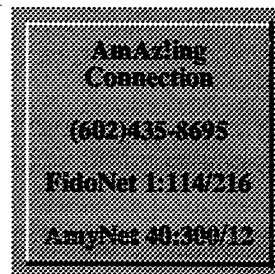


BBS REPORT

by BILL HAGAN

HHEY! I'm starting to have fun now. How about you? The CD-Rom Drive went on line in mid month June and in my opinion is one of the most exciting things that could happen to a BBS.

Let me bring you up to date on what else is going on in BBS land, but first let me remind you that I write this several weeks before you read it and some of the problems and predictions I mention may be resolved or have come to pass by the time you read it.



to limit the number of files that can be downloaded, but this does not seem to be working; at least two members have far exceeded this limitation. But just in case it kicks in while you are trying to download, keep in mind it is supposed to limit you to three files for now.

Second and most annoying, is his advertisement and long delay when you initiate the download after marking the desired files. This is built in to the non-registered version and is David's way of

encouraging shareware payment.

Now back to the CD-Rom Drive. I settled on software written by David Hockett of Queensland, Australia. It was surprisingly easy to set up and get running and it only takes about ten minutes to configure a BBS ready CD so it can be read by the BBS. David is working on some new features that I will describe in a minute.

First, let me warn you the software is shareware and as such, it has some built in limitations. It was supposed

Both these and any other limitations will be eliminated when we receive the registered copy of the software. I sent in the shareware on June 19th, but remember it has to go to Australia and back. Like I said, with any luck, by the time you read this, the registered copy could be in place.

David promises two new features that will be unique to his

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at a recent trade show. Stan went through the steps required to bring text, images, sound, and 3D objects together into a very professional promotional video.

Bill Hagan showed how to use the Move command in Deluxe Paint IV to create the image of a rainbow.

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Librarian's Desk



by Mel Elliott

The Executive Board, at the June Meeting voted to subscribe to the Aminet Series CD's from Amiga Library Service (Fred Fish). This was done and the club is now the owner of Aminet #5 and 6, which will be put on line by the SYSOP on a scheduled basis. The initial series of Aminet CD's are currently on line on a rotating basis. The index of both Aminet 5 and 6 have been posted to the BBS so if you have any desires for any of these programs just let me know prior to the meetings or come by Amazing Computers on July 8th when I will be there with the complete library. I have not made much progress in getting the AmAz! Disks of the Month indexed into the Kingfisher program. Am still working on it but it is a very slow process.

AmAz! DOM #97:

The July Disk of the Month contains the following programs:

CYBERNETIX:

A space shoot-em-up game with rapid action and good graphics. Will not run on MultiScan screenmode. I also have not found a way to escape from the game once it has been started. It is a shareware program written by a New Zealand author. No DOC's, however, instructions are included within the game itself.

REORG VERSION 3.11:

An updated version of this shareware disk optimizer. The author has a US address and the shareware fee is very reasonable. The file contains a patch program to upgrade the older version. I have used the program to optimize the Disk of the Month for some time and it is one of the better shareware optimizers I have tried. Is much faster than most and has some nicer functions than others.

TICTACAMIGA:

A small workbench type version of the well known Tic-Tac-Toe game. This one has Player-Player, Amiga-Player, Player-Amiga and Amiga-Amiga modes to select from. The included install program would not work for me but the manual installation instructions worked very well.

There is nothing in the Utilities drawer this month due to lack of space and not finding anything interesting to include.

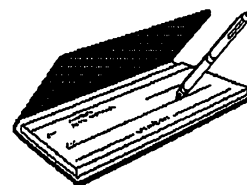
We have not received any new Fresh Fish CD's since the last newsletter but I do expect that there will be one coming soon.

A bit of treasury news. All of our bills have been paid and the treasury is alive and well with a balance in excess of \$500.00 not counting the money collected for the US

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Treasurer's Report

by Mel Elliott



June Beginning Balance:		\$ 2034.75
Income:		
Advertising	\$ 40.00	
DOM Sales	22.00	
Memberships (Reg)	60.00	
FF Disk	4.00	
Modem	1982.00	
Misc Income	22.25	
Yard Sale	10.00	

Total Income	\$ 2140.25	+ \$ 2140.25

Sub Total		\$ 4175.00
Expenses:		
News Letter	\$ 61.08	
Modem	614.25	
Hardware	328.19	
Software	15.00	
Fidonet Dues	30.00	
P.O. Box	20.00	
BBS Phone	29.01	

Total Expenses	\$ 1097.53	- \$ 1097.53

June Ending Balance:		\$ 3077.47
Membership: Regular 39 - Subscription 17 - BBS - 0		



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U. S. Robotics Modem
User Group Members only
See AD on Page 7!!!



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any other device. The Amiga saw it immediately, and allowed me to partition it to its full length, 95 megs (when using the 100 meg disks).

The SCSI "probe" identified the make and model of the unit, and formatting was a snap. No need to low-level format the drive as stated in the instruction manual. After formatting it, I backed up my system drive and then changed partition size on my internal hard drive so that I could have a bit more room. (That brought about a little problem which caused me to load and reload from my Zip drive, giving it quite a workout! but that story is for another day)

Sufficient to say, the Zip drive did great. With OS 2.1 and system info for testing, the drive measures out about 540k/second. On Dan Dykes 3000, with operating system 3.1, he registered about 1.2 megs/sec, or about twice what I get. This is in keeping with what Dan discovered when he moved to the new operating system and found his other drives performing faster. (Apparently, OS 3.1 likes SCSI devices better; I am not a techno guru, but obviously there was something improved in the new OS to see this type of speedup. When I get the bucks it is enough for me to upgrade!)

At any rate, the drive worked fine on Dan's machine as well as my own. I got a SCSI card for my clone and after working out installation bugs, it works well there too.

I also use it to transfer files

from the PowerMac I use at work. Installation on the Mac was just as simple as on the Amiga. It was seen for what it was and the tools which come with it for the Mac are exceptional. It also comes with tools for the IBM and they are fine. Of course, the Amiga NEEDS NO TOOLS, but if some were provided, it would be nice.

Actually, Dan and I are going to find utilities which will make life with the Zip drive even easier and will make up a disk for everyone who wants them. All in all, I can see no reason NOT to have a Zip drive. They work well, they allow a lot of data to be stored on the equivalent of a floppy disk and they allow transfer of data between platforms. This is especially nice if you work with large graphic files as I do. Do yourself a favor and save your pennies for this one. Once you have the drive, at \$199 (don't pay more! That is the manufacturer's suggested retail price, not the \$259 some companies are ripping you off for, ahem...) each 100 megs costs as little as \$16, less if we buy in bulk as a group perhaps. You can't beat it for price and it is great to trade disks with others. It also dices and slices and makes julienne potatoes...oops, wrong commercial! Seriously folks, I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Since it is treated like a regular hard drive and not a tape backup, you can run any programs off of it. Great for things occasionally needed but taking up room on the ol' internal drive. If you have

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Fidonet News Connecticut Passes Anti-Harassment Law

by Rand@f101.n16.z1.fidonet.org

Connecticut this week put teeth into a new law designed to stop any harassment on the internet, including fidonet. Three cheers for the Yankees! No tolerating any of this stuff! Harassment law enters cyberspace. Conn. moves to keep on-line in line:

HARTFORD (AP) — Connecticut has decided to delve into the high-tech world of cyberspace to outlaw over the computer what has long been illegal over the telephone or old-fashioned "snail mail," harassing or threatening messages. Gov. John G. Rowland has signed a law making it a felony to "harass, annoy, alarm or terrorize" another person over the computer—a law proponents contend merely brings Connecticut law up to date with the latest technology, but critics maintain is an overreaction born out of ignorance.

"I don't think there's anything especially sinister about the new law," said Rep. Patricia Dillon, D-New Haven, a frequent user of the Prodigy on-line service and the bill's sponsor. "It simply brings existing law in to the 21st century." The new law goes into effect Oct. 1. But even proponents are unsure how it would be enforced and whether it would apply to computer users outside of Connecticut who happen to target harassing messages to state residents. It already is il-

legal to harass or threaten someone over the telephone or by mail, which is known by computer users as "snail mail." Computer users who do the same will be subject to up to three years in prison and a \$500 fine. People already convicted of a felony would face up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. The issue came to Dillon's attention during her daily visits to Prodigy, where she does research for legislation and discovered strings of messages devoted to a case involving a user known as "Vito," who targeted a woman via E-mail and the system's bulletin board system.

The man was posting messages that had a "terrifying, immobilizing effect on the victim" by claiming her son's mental retardation was a result of fetal alcohol syndrome and accusing her of being promiscuous Dillon said.

Although the various on-line services monitor messages for profane language or conversations deemed unfit for a wide audience, Dillon said the government needs to go further to try to protect users of computer bulletin boards.

"At one point, we were worshipping the Internet ... and now there's been a backlash so it's been demonized," Dillon said. "I don't think it's either one," but it's worth protecting people who use computers.

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Connect with the Winner U.S. Robotics

It is no secret that US Robotics is leading the industry in information technology. As you are reading this, you may find yourself wondering what is so great about US Robotics as compared to others in the industry. Why is US Robotics THE intelligent choice for my communications needs, you may be asking yourself? Thanks for asking, READ ON!

One of the key elements in producing a fast, reliable modem is the Digital Signal Processor (DSP). The DSP is responsible for converting digital data to analog signals. Unlike most modem vendors, US Robotics researches, designs and manufactures our own DSP code. This allows US Robotics customers to update their code by a simple chip replacement in our Sportster line. Even easier is the flashrom capabilities in our Courier line where an update is just a download away! Are you still wondering what is so great about US Robotics? Since we are in control of our own core technology, we can continually refine our designs, improve productivity and remain cost-competitive. The recent update from V.FC to V.34 is a real example of how this can benefit YOU, the end user. Many vendors, who

do not manufacture their own DSP code were only able to perform this update by having customers mail in their V.FC modems and wait to receive their new V.34. US Robotics, on the other hand, was simply able to send out a chip to perform the update. This benefit means no down time for you!!

What's new at US Robotics?

INTRODUCING OUR NEW VOICE PRODUCTS

As we all know, playing Doom without the ability to scream at your partner is quite frustrating. In addition, we all know the time and money that is involved in revising documents with coworkers in remote locations.

US Robotics has the answer for you. THE NEW SPORTSTER DIGITAL SIMULTANEOUS VOICE AND DATA (DSVD) IS THE ANSWER YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

The new DSVD is a full featured V.34 fax modem with the added capability to support simultaneous voice and data transmissions over a single phone line. (A big \$ saver)

US Robotics also introduced the

the new Sportster Vi modem. The new Vi modem brings you all of the conveniences of fax machine, answering machine, and a modem in one compact unit. This modem allows file transfers during a voice call, caller id, remote message retrieval and much more!!

Here is what people are saying about US Robotics

"Courier outranked the competition again in PC Computing's annual MVP issue—beating out products from Shiva and AT&T, the Courier V.Everything with V.34 was selected as most valuable product in the modem category for its Universal Connect capabilities, Flash ROM upgradability and high speed, for applications such as Web browsing and graphics—intense online services."

PC/ Computing

"Compatibility, ease of use, bullet proof reliability and the right on the money pricing propelled the U.S. Robotics Sportster line to victory."

Computer Reseller News

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The month's pot of gold (Software Drawing) was divided thus: Allen Hutchison selected the \$20 Gift Certificate donated by Amazing Computers; Michael Osburn chose Blitz Basic; Ed Lipman won five blank disks; Bill Hagan won a U.S. Robotics T-shirt; Jim Cahill took a Free Disk Coupon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes of the June Exec Board Meeting.

Due to Sara's Cafe being boarded up, the meeting was held at JB's on Camelback at 35th Avenue.

The General Meeting agenda for July includes a demo of the DirOpus 5 and a U.S. Robotics presentation.

There was a discussion of the new CD-Rom downloading capability on the BBS. Sysop Bill Hagan made a motion that the club subscribe to the Aminet CD-Rom series; the motion was passed. Bill suggested that the club Librarian be given first shot at offering the Aminet contents through the Disk of the Month and PD disk sales before the CD's are made available on the BBS. Bill has written a newsletter article and a BBS Bulletin detailing the new feature. Bill also reported that no one has volunteered for the post of PC file censor for the BBS.

There was more discussion of the still ongoing U.S. Robotics modem user group discount deal, and someone wondered why Bill was not wearing his new T-shirt. Bill has also installed a new 530-

meg hard drive on the BBS computer (I'm convinced there's more than one of him - maybe the other one's wearing the T-shirt) creating a surplus 40-meg SCSI hard drive, and various means were discussed to dispose of it.

Mel Elliott reported on the club's financial condition. Mel is still searching for a new General Meeting site for next year, and welcomes any suggestions.

Submitted by Pete Guldager.
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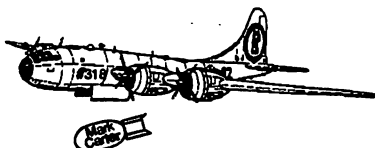
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room of his Condominium. More information to include a map showing where to go and where to park will be forthcoming prior to October.

I plan to depart Phoenix on a trip September 10th and will not be present at the September General meeting, nor will my computer. Nothing has been arranged as yet to make up for the absence of my computer. (Myself is not a big deal). If I am to complete a Disk of the Month for October and my share of the newsletter it is mandatory that I take my computer along with me on my trip, I am driving and will be gone until the first week in October.

That's all from me, see you at Amazing Computers July 8th or at the July meeting.

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Wentek AMIGA Computers

New Amigas ? Availability has now been promised for August. A4000 Towers, followed in September by A4000s\1200s

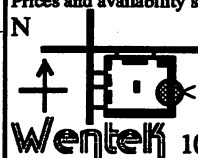
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The Amazing Connection, the BBS of the Amiga Arizona (AmAz!) User Group boasts many new features now. The hard Drive has expanded to 745 megs of file and message space on line with 100 megs dedicated to PC and 600 megs to Amiga files. A 28.8k baud full featured modem has been ordered from U.S. Robotics and will soon be on line. A CD-Rom drive has been added for User Group Members only. The following CD's are in the inventory with Online dates as indicated:

1. Aminet Set 1A - Online at member's request
2. Aminet Set 1B - Online at member's request
3. Aminet Set 1C - Online at member's request
4. Aminet Set 1D - Online at member's request
5. Aminet 5 - Online July 15, 1995
6. Aminet 6 - Online Sept 1, 1995
7. Fred Fish Series - Coming
8. Fred Fish Frozen - Coming

For a limited time Subscribers and Club Members may order a US Robotics 28.8k Fax Modem at a special price through Amiga Arizona in cooperation with the US Robotics User Group Support Program.

For information on becoming an AmAz! member or ordering a modem, please call Mel Elliott or Bill Hagan (Phone Numbers on page 2). AmAz!

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software. Once I get these in place we could change the name of our BBS—if it hadn't already been used—to "The One Stop BBS."

First, is the ability to set up a separate directory on the hard drive for storing the archives of lists of files on each of our CD's. This directory will be treated and recognized the same as though it were a CD. What this means to you is that you can download one or more lists of files on the CD's in the same manner that you use for downloading files from the CD. You review the list, make up your own list of files you wish to download and post it to the board, even though it might be a list from a CD that is not on line.

Now, this is where the second new feature comes in: A utility that can be run periodically, by TPTCron for example, to scan the user list, determine the files requested, scan the CD and if any are on the CD, place them in a file attached to a message for the user. Next time the user logs on, the message and files are ready for downloading.

We will probably have to set some ground rules such as if the CD is Online, you do your own downloading. With the number of User Group members we now have, it should not be too difficult for your Sysop to keep up with this feature by request. If the CD is not online, you post your list, leave a comment to the Sysop, I will switch CD's to make your files available and run the utility so that within 24 hours your files are ready for you to download. This

aspect will have to be developed by trial and error.

This brings up a couple of new points. The CD-Rom Drive has been online only a couple of weeks and those of you who have tried it, enthusiastically endorse it. But my biggest disappointment is that so few of you are trying it and using it. Is it that you already have the Aminet Series CD's? Is it too complicated for you to use? Are you just not interested in obtaining new files?

We have Aminet CD5 and CD6 in our library and the Aminet Set 1 (four CD's) already online. We will soon have the Fred Fish CD's configured for the BBS. While there is some redundancy in these CD's, there should be sufficient PD software there to satisfy everyone. Since the Club now subscribes to both the Aminet and Fred Fish CD's, there should be an endless supply of software in the future. Just take a look at what we offer and it should prove the Amiga and AmAz! are both alive and well. We will always enthusiastically support the Amiga.

Now for my second point. I keep asking for, but I get very little feedback from you on any aspect of the BBS. Peter has noted how much he likes the CD-Rom Drive and the abundance of new files. Michael has posted some of his problems and concerns. How about the rest of you? Are you satisfied? Tell me. Are you dissatisfied? Tell me. Want something changed, made more simple? Tell me. Want a new File Section or Message Echo? Tell me.

In closing this month's column, let me remind you that I am aware of most of the BBS's shortcomings. I have a "To Do" list and some of the top priority items (not necessarily in order) are:

1. Find the reason for and solve the upload error problem.
2. Identify the most wanted new Message Echoes and File Sections and get them turned on.
3. Clean up the Doors and place new ones on line.
4. Clean up the menus and complete setting up the Subscription BBS.
5. Complete setting up the CD-Rom Drive and its related Utilities.

Finally, though it is only indirectly related to the BBS, complete the purchase of US Robotics 28.8k Modems. See the AmAz! Ad and the full page Ad from U.S. Robotics, elsewhere in the newsletter.
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you are interested in a new 28.8 modem or if you want more information on the status of your current order. This offer is available to new members, but only through July 20th.

That's about all for this month, remember we are always interested in your feedback, both positive and negative so let us know what you think!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable 4th of July!

Until next month. AmAz!

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However, civil libertarians and some experts in the field of computers and law believe Connecticut may be going overboard. William Olds, the executive director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, said recently that the harassment statutes already are troublesome because they're vague.

"What is alarming to one person may not be alarming to another," Olds said.

It also begins to restrict a key benefit of the Internet: its unfettered flow of ideas and information, Olds and others said.

Will Connecticut set the pace on the I-Way and become it's street sweeper? Could be if they can maintain this pace.

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(Editors note: In my opinion, this is a case of Big Brother stepping in where he is not needed. Similiar to what is going on in Congress in relation to the Internet. Next month, another point of view from a citizen of Connecticut will run in this space.)
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other questions, please don't hesitate to ask. No I am not getting a kickback from Iomega! I just like the little thing and think it can be quite useful! Happy computing to all.

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At our meetings we provide demonstrations of new or interesting Amiga programs/equipment, sometimes by developers or dealers if we can line them up. A monthly drawing is held for regular members, the prizes are selected software items, blank disks and disk coupons. Our extensive disk library contains the entire Fred Fish & Aminet CD Collection plus demo disks from developers as well as our own Disk of the Month. Disks may be ordered at meeting's, on the BBS or by calling the Librarian and may be picked up at meeting's or mailed (small fee).

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