Commodore Multimedia Systems Summary

© CDTV vs CD32 - Complete Comparison

This document provides a comprehensive comparison of Commodore's two multimedia systems: the CDTV (1991) and CD32 (1993), both now fully implemented in your Visual Retro Emulator.

Name : Chipset Architectures

CDTV Core Chips (17 total)

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Core Amiga OCS:

Agnus 8370 (DMA Controller)

Paula 8364 (Audio/I/O)

Denise 8362 (Video)

CDTV-Specific:

CDTV Controller (Multimedia control)

CDTV DMAC (CD-ROM DMA)

CXD1199Q (CD Controller)

CXD2500Q (Signal Processor)

PCM56 Audio DAC

Audio Mixer

Remote Control Interface

Front Panel Controller

Extended Memory Controller
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CD32 Core Chips (16 total)

Core Amiga AGA:

├── Alice 8374 (AGA Graphics)

├── Lisa 8375 (AGA Support)

├── Paula 8364 (Enhanced Audio/I/0)

└── Akiko 8421 (CD32 Controller)

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System Components:

├── TDA1387 Audio DAC

├── CD32 Joypad Controller

├── CD32 RF Modulator

└── CD32 Power Controller

MPEG Cartridge (4 chips):

├── CL450 MPEG Decoder ★

├── CL480 Video Controller

└── MPEG DRAM Controller

└── MPEG Cart Interface

★ Key Innovations

CDTV Innovations (1991)

- First CD-ROM Amiga: Integrated CD-ROM with Amiga technology
- Multimedia Focus: Remote control, TV-like interface
- CD Audio Integration: Hardware mixing of Amiga + CD audio
- Home Entertainment: Living room-friendly design

CD32 Innovations (1993)

- · Akiko Chip: Revolutionary gaming-focused controller
 - Chunky-to-planar graphics acceleration
 - 7-button joypad interface
 - CD-ROM gaming optimization
 - NVRAM for save games
- AGA Graphics: 256 colors on screen vs 32
- MPEG Cartridge: Hardware video decoding
 - CL450/CL480 chipset
 - Full Motion Video games
 - VideoCD playback

Markets

CDTV Target: Multimedia Entertainment

- Users: Families wanting multimedia entertainment
- Content: Educational software, music CDs, multimedia titles
- Interface: TV remote control, living room setup
- Positioning: "Computer for the living room"

CD32 Target: Gaming Console

- Users: Gamers wanting 32-bit CD games
- Content: CD-ROM games, arcade ports, FMV adventures
- Interface: Gaming controllers, TV connection
- Positioning: "32-bit gaming powerhouse"

Package Selection Features

Both chipsets support **dynamic package selection** in your Visual Retro Emulator:

Common Package Types

- **DIP** Through-hole, easy prototyping
- PLCC Surface mount with J-leads
- **QFP** Fine-pitch quad flat pack
- SOIC Small outline IC

Package Selection UI

- Properties Panel Dropdown Select from available packages
- Real-time Visual Updates Chip appearance changes instantly
- Right-click Context Menu Alternative package switching
- ✓ Historical Accuracy Authentic package options for each chip

Development Impact

CDTV Impact

- Multimedia Computing: Pioneered living room computing
- CD-ROM Adoption: Early consumer CD-ROM integration

- Interactive Media: Foundation for multimedia applications
- Remote Interface: TV-like user experience

CD32 Impact

- 32-bit Gaming: Advanced graphics for console gaming
- CD-ROM Games: Large-capacity game storage
- Hardware Acceleration: Akiko's chunky-to-planar conversion
- MPEG Integration: Early consumer video decoding

III Technical Specifications

Component	CDTV	CD32
CPU	MC68000 @ 7.14 MHz	MC68EC020 @ 14.18 MHz
Graphics	OCS (32 colors)	AGA (256 colors)
RAM	1MB + 1MB Extended	2MB Chip RAM
Storage	CD-ROM + Floppy	CD-ROM Only
Audio	4-ch + CD Audio	4-ch + 16-bit CD
Video Out	Composite/RF	RGB/Composite/RF
Controllers	IR Remote	2× 7-button Joypads
Expansion	PCMCIA	MPEG Cartridge
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© Usage in Visual Retro Emulator

Building CDTV Systems

```
# Multimedia entertainment setup

cdtv_components = [
    "Agnus 8370", "Paula 8364", "Denise 8362",
    "CDTV Controller", "CXD1199Q CD Controller",
    "PCM56 Audio DAC", "Remote Control Interface"
]
```

Building CD32 Systems

```
# Gaming console setup

cd32_components = [
    "Alice 8374", "Lisa 8375", "Paula 8364", "Akiko 8421",
    "TDA1387 Audio DAC", "CD32 Joypad Controller"
]

# Optional MPEG expansion

mpeg_expansion = [
    "CL450 MPEG Decoder", "CL480 Video Controller",
    "MPEG DRAM Controller", "MPEG Cart Interface"
]
```

🎉 Implementation Status

Both chipsets are now **fully integrated** into your Visual Retro Emulator:

CDTV Chipset (17 chips)

- Complete multimedia entertainment system
- · CD-ROM integration with remote control
- Historical accuracy for 1991 technology
- Package selection: DIP, PLCC, QFP, SOIC

CD32 Chipset (16 chips)

- 32-bit gaming console with AGA graphics
- Akiko chip for gaming acceleration
- Optional MPEG cartridge for Full Motion Video
- Package selection: PLCC, QFP, DIP, SOIC

Shared Features

- · Multiple package types per chip
- Dynamic package selection in Properties Panel
- Realistic chip image generation
- Comprehensive pin definitions
- Historical authenticity

X File Organization

Chipset Files (chipsets/ folder)

- chipset_cdtv_chips.py) CDTV multimedia system
- (chipset_cd32_chips.py) CD32 gaming console

Example Files (examples/ folder)

- (cdtv_example.py) CDTV integration demo
- (cd32_example.py) CD32 integration demo

Documentation (assets/ folder)

- (CDTV_Chipset_Documentation.pdf)
- (CD32_Chipset_Documentation.pdf)
- Commodore_Multimedia_Systems_Summary.pdf

Getting Started

Quick Setup:

- 1. Download all chipset files to (chipsets/) folder
- 2. Download example files to (examples/) folder
- 3. Save documentation as PDFs in (assets/) folder
- 4. Run examples to generate chip images
- 5. Add chips to your component palette

Testing Package Selection:

- 1. Place CDTV or CD32 components on canvas
- 2. Select component → Properties Panel
- 3. Change package type from dropdown
- 4. Watch visual representation update!

Building Systems:

- CDTV: Start with OCS core, add multimedia controllers
- CD32: Start with AGA core, add Akiko and gaming features
- MPEG: Add MPEG cartridge to CD32 for Full Motion Video

© Conclusion

Your Visual Retro Emulator now supports both major Commodore multimedia systems:

- CDTV (1991) The multimedia entertainment pioneer
- CD32 (1993) The advanced gaming console with MPEG video

Both systems feature:

- Complete chip definitions with authentic part numbers
- **Multiple package types** for historical accuracy
- V Dynamic package selection via Properties Panel
- **Realistic chip rendering** with proper visual representation
- Comprehensive documentation for reference

M Your Visual Retro Emulator can now build both Commodore's multimedia CDTV systems and gaming-focused CD32 consoles with complete hardware accuracy!