PATCHWORK newsletter

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This is the Newsletter for PatchWork. It it is composed of frequently Asked Questions and Update lists for PatchWork. It serves two purposes:

- to reduce the number of "often asked questions" about PatchWork, by posting
- the questions and answers in this document so that they are shared by all.
- to inform the community of PatchWork users about updates and improvements.

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Environment

This newsletter corresponds to the release of PatchWork 2.5.1. PatchWork 2.5.1 runs on the two kinds of Macintoshes processors (680xO and PowerPC).

Running PatchWork

Please refer to the PatchWork Newsletter #2 (October 1995), included on your CD-ROM.

Updates: What's New in PatchWork 2.5.1?

PatchWork Tutorial

A tutorial manual has been written by Jacopo Baboni Schilingi. The manual is based on 40 tutorial commented examples, that lead the reader through increasingly complex patches. The turorial is centered around PatchWork, and does not discuss the various libraries.. All the tutorial files reside in a folder called "40-Tutorials". Each tutorial file is numbered from 1 to 40.

Protection scheme

You have noticed that a new software protection scheme is in use for all Forum software, including PatchWork. If you create a new PatchWork image, you'll have to enter your password the first time you'll use it.

New Libraries and updates

GenUtils v. 1.0

This is a new library, which comes with a comprehensive manual.

RepMus v. 1.0

This library is a compilation of various modules developed at Ircam by the team "Représentations musicales".

New Chant library

A new version of the Chant library is available.

Libraries current versions

Here are the version numbers of the libraries:

3Dim-disp	v. 1.0	(April 1994)
AAC	v. 1.0	(July 1995)
Alea	v. 1.0	(October 1993)
Chant	v. 1.4	(April 1996)
Chaos	v. 1.0	(June 1994)
Csound-edit-sco	v. 1.2	(October 1995)
Esquisse	v. 1.0	(October 1994)
Functionals	v. 1.0	(February 1994)
GenUtils	v. 1.0	(April 1996)
Instruments	v. 1.0	(October 1993)
Kant	v. 1.5	(September 1995)
Midi-file	v. 1.1	(September 1995)
Midi-Manager	v. 1.0	(September 1995)
Profile	v. 1.0	(October 1995)
RepMus	v. 1.0	(April 1996)
Script	v. 1.0	(September 1995)
Situation	v. 1.1	(March 1995)

Documentation

All the PatchWork manuals and documentation is now available in Adobe's Acobat electronic format. This electronic format is called "PDF", which stands for "Portable Document Format", and you will use Adobe's Acrobat Reader to display the documentation on your screen. Although you may also print a hard copy if so desired, the electronic format has a number od advantages. For instance, it resides on your hard disk, and is readily available. When travelling with a Power book, you won't have to drag along those hefty PatchWork manuals anymore. Also, the Acrobat's Portable Document Format offers hypertext capability: the index is clickable: just click on the page number of a selected item, and the page is displayed on the spot, and, in most cases, so does the table of contents. So take advantage of Acrobat's Portable Document Format.