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Dear Reader

First of all I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and may 2004 be filled with lots of Fun with MSX .

Secondly I would like to welcome you to this first issue of MSX World Wide.

As some may know, Rinus Stoker and I have been working a while on the idea of creating a new MSX magazine which aims at the MSX internetcommunity.

At Tilbeurs 2003 some may have already seen a preview version of this magazine, back then still with the name MSX Web Wide.

Due to some changes of ideas and the discontinuation of MSX Info Blad, we decided to change the name of MSX Web Wide to MSX World Wide, since we want to make more of this magazine than just a magazine about websites.

This issue though will still only feature websites, but the next issue will be some sort of combination between this magazine and the former MSX Info Blad.

But we can't make this magazine alone, so we need your help. If you think you are able to help us out with writing or promoting, please let us know. We will have a MSX Info / MSX Web Wide stand at MSX Oss 2004, so if you are there have a talk with Rinus to share your visions and ideas that could help us along the way to create a fantastic magazine. Or just contact us through any of the contactmethods, such as mww@msxinfo.com.

I hope you like this first issue and that more may follow.

Filip H.F. Slagter

AAMSX has much facets and has very interesting articles ! It always brings interesting news about projects all over the world, for instance info about the UziX-project.

For the new MSX-users, AAMSX has a step-by-step course description how to use a MSX. From plugging the wires to using MSX-Dos.

Besides this step-by-step guide, they also have game-reviews, mostly about new games! For instance Matra's game *Don't Cock it Up*, a Tetris-clone. The reviews are filled with screenshots, which can be viewed in large format by clicking on them. The review is finished by mentioning the system-requirements, score (sound, graphics, playability, presentation and total), developer, price and developers-website. If you can order it online, then a subscription-form will be present as well.

In *Events*, you can find short reviews of past and present MSX-events. Most of these link to the websites of the organisers.

If you are looking for MSX-friends, then I suggest you pay a visit to the *Community*-section. Here you will find several Mailing-lists and information about (Japanese) BBS.

Do you want to request some-

thing, or got hardware or something like that on offer? Then place your free ad on their site using the *Ads-link*.

You can also register on the site, so you can get in touch with other members through the *userlist*.

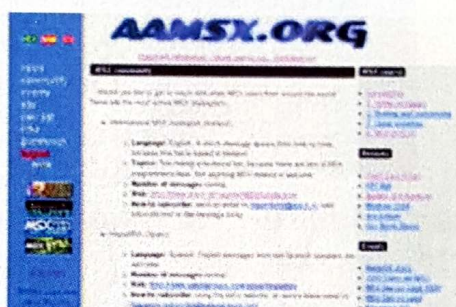
You can also add news and user-meeting info yourself. Just fill out a simple form and press submit. The submitted data will be reviewed and if it is interesting, the web-master will place it on the site.

The site looks very good, is fast, easy to use and has interesting articles!

The design is clean and neat and the navigation is obvious.

Unfortunately the Spanish and Portuguese comments can be confusing for people who do not understand these languages.

In the past it has been one of my favourite sites, but unfortunately since quite some time there has been a lack of updates. It seems that since recently the web-master is working on the site again, so let's hope the information offered get updated more often again.



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Computer Emuzone! Karnev's MSXZone

<http://emuzone.metropoliglobal.com/msx/>

Language: English/Spanish



On this page you can find several (Spanish) MSX games. They can be downloaded and you can view screenshots and descriptions of the game.

They have quite some games available. Most of these games are in Spanish. Besides MSX games, they also have PC-remakes of golden-oldies.

In their Emu-section, they show 6 emulators, with descriptions of the characteristics and system requirements. These descriptions are only in Spanish though.

The Utils-section consists of six applications complete with descriptions of how to use them. Again, these texts are in Spanish only. Positive is that they mention for which Operating System it is written (MS-DOS, Windows, no MSX though).



In La Abadia del Crimen you can find a description of this game. The game itself looks good and has been released for several systems (MSX, Amstrad, Spectrum, etc.), including a nice remake for the PC. If I understood the description correct, it is some kind of RPG/Adventure, where you have to solve a mystery in an abbey.



In *links*, you can find 5 links to the following sites: AAMSX.org, AAMSX.com, MSX.org, MSX-Direct and the MSX Games Box.

The site also has a forum which contains some interesting posts. Most posts though are game-requests.

You can also sign their guestbook to tell them what you think of the site. The next day I even received an email from the webmaster in which he told me that some people are working on an English remake.

The site looks nice and clean, too bad it is filled with pop-ups and banners.



The navigation is simple and easy to use. It is a shame though that not all the text is in English, but maybe they are working on it. A great site which sure deserves a visit.

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Traposoft.

<http://traposoft.papipapito.com/supermsx.html>

Language: Spanish

SuperMSX

PADIAL HARDWARE

This is the digital version of SuperMSX-magazine. The site is part of traposoft-website, which also offers links to Remakes, Projects and the history of Traposoft, and links.

SuperMSX offers space for articles concerning manuals, usermeetings, publications, interviews, games, recommendations, applications, music, peeks/pokes, basic-programs, etc.

At the moment they only have an article about MSX Turbo Basic, Sandstone, some recommendations, hardware, basic tools, a complete set of tips, tricks & pokes! and a couple of games for download.

The tips and tricks database works good. You can select a letter and then it lists the cheats/passwords etc. for all games beginning with the selected letter. The same goes for the pokes-database. The pokes-section also show a short description of how to use the pokes, which is very useful.

They also link to Padial Hardware, which is created for Padial

Hardware, the creator of for example (video-) expansion cards for the MSX.

Momentarily you can only find a page on the Padial Video Card with DSP, which, according to the site, costs 100 Euros.

This page shows descriptions of the hardware, how it works and what it looks like. He describes the complete architecture of the cards and the influence of it on your

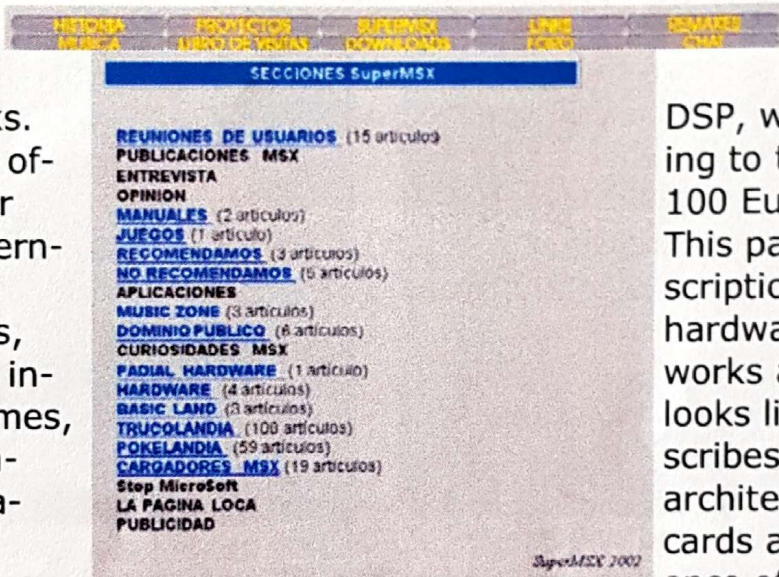
system.

If you want, you can also see some photos of the cards.

The navigation of both sites works good, though it is a shame that after selecting a subpage, you have to manually press *back* to return to the navigation listing.

They offer interesting info and therefore you can spend quite some time on this site. Maybe in the future they can make the site in English as well, to support more users. Worth a visit.

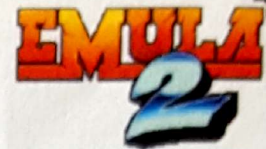
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Emula2

<http://granavenida.com/emula2>

Language: Spanish



This site is devoted to all emulation, but since this is a MSX-magazine, I will only review the MSX-related pages.

In the ROMs section, they offer ROMs for MSX1 and MSX2.

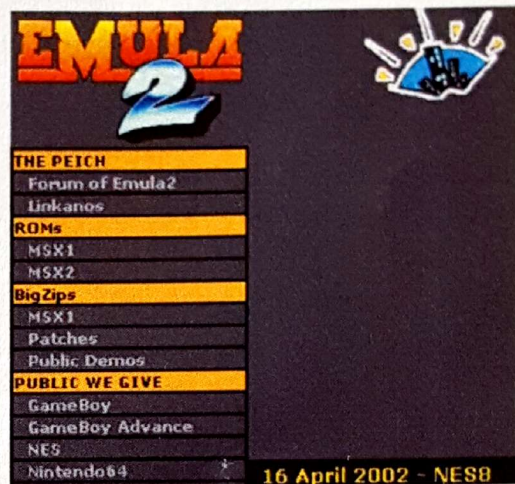
In the MSX1 section, they now offer about 500 ROMs ready for download. Besides the name of the ROM, they also mention the size, company and language. All files can also be downloaded as one big zip-file.

The MSX2-section is the same, only there are only 150 games listed.

The rest of the site is devoted to console-emulation, and will therefore not be reviewed.

The site has a very nice design and is comforting for the eyes. The navigation bar on the left brings you everywhere on the site. The content is not much, since it offers

only games. I do not know when this page was last updated, so I cannot exactly say if this site is recommended to view more often to see if there are new games added.



Though before you have downloaded and played all games, you will have spend quite a lot of time there...

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Interested in having your product or site advertised here?

It is possible to have a promotional text and picture published in the next issue of MSX World Wide.

We also plan to publish a list of sites of our readers in the next magazine, so if you are interested in some promotion, just contact us at mww@msxinfo.com

MSXDirect

<http://xydirect.com/msx>

Language: English



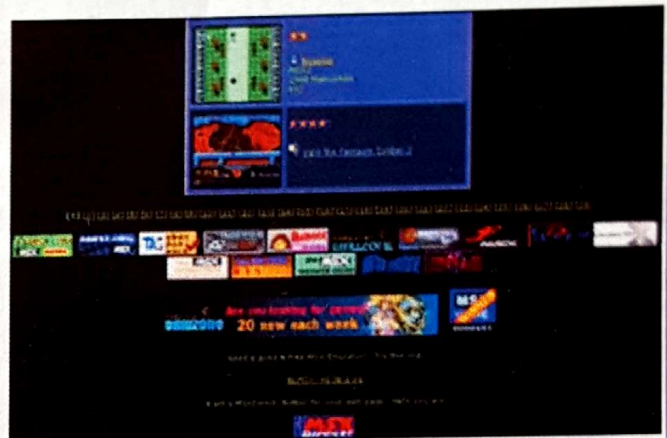
This site consists of only one thing: msx-games! It offers space to (at time of writing) 290 games. All games are available for download and are accompanied by a screenshot, a rating and comments. The comments can be given by the visitors via a simple rating form.

You can search the database by using a textbox and sort the results on postdate, votes and title.

The site has almost no navigation, since it only consists of one page. After clicking on the game link, you get a screen with all comments and ratings and again the screenshot of the game. You can also click on a link to download the game. Some games can also be played online via Java.

The site is easy to use and offers much games. The design is simple, yet effective.

It has only one purpose and that is to supply you with info concerning a game. The info offered is not much, a nice addition would be a complete review of the game by the webmaster, or it's visitors.



New games are often added, so you can visit the site more often if you want. If you have nothing else to do, there are also some link buttons on the bottom of the page, so you can visit other sites.

If you look for a specific game it is worth a visit, else it does not offer much useful info.

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MarsUpOne

<http://www.marsupone.com>

Language: French



home of the
MSX infinity
page

MarsUpOne (created by Benoit Delvaux) is all about rediscovering the fun of MSX. With in-depth descriptions and tutorials on emulators, demos, magazines, music and links to interesting sites.

His emulator-section has broad information on all kinds of emulators, and also offers a short tutorial on emulation in general.

Although he tries to give objective information on all emulators, it is obvious that his favourite combination is NLmsx with the VisualMSX frontend.



Nevertheless the info you can find about all emu's is broad! He gives a clear summary of all characteristics and their pros and cons. And even a short list of key-controls plus an image guided quickstart tutorial.

In 'Forums de discussion' one can find a clear description of how to use and register for the MSX Affiliates Forum. Very useful for the French visitors.

'MSX Demos' describes several demodisks made for the MSX. For instance the FAC and Synth Power disks. Guided by screenshots he gives a short description of their contents and requirements.

'MSX Help' tells how to use the FM-PAC and ROM-files on your

MSX. You are guided Step by Step through all options and menus of both items.

If you are looking for info on several diskmagazines, then have a look at 'MSX Magazines'. It shows a list of screenshots of the diskmagazines and gives information on their contents.

'MSX Music' gives a quick description of how to play the MSX KSS-musicformat on your PC using a plugin for WinAmp.

There is also a special page dedicated to the results of the first MSXGamesbOX/MSX-Xpress Wallpaper-contest, which was held last year.

Here you can find the comments of the MSX Affiliates Forum Staff and the wallpapers submitted by the contestants. This is the only page on the site that is in English.

And of course you can find a page with links to Benoit's favourite sites in 'Sites intéressants'.

The navigation of the page can be confusing at times and the use of colours is a bit too abundant, but the info is broad and clear. He constantly tries to add new info to his site and aims on a wide audience. Sure is worth a visit!

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MSX Games bOX

<http://www.msxgamesbox.com>

Language: English



The MSX Games bOX brings you all kinds of info about MSX Games and emulation. Through newposts it offers info on activities on the site and in the MSX-scene.

Since last year Philip Pera, the webmaster, started writing game reviews. These reviews give a great in-depth view of the games and can be read on his site. At the moment he has written reviews about KPI Ball, Blue Warrior, Bubble Rain, Quarth and a combined review of what are probably the first 3 games released for MSX.

The 'Games'-section offers a small description, some music and if a available a short movie of the 30 best (as voted by the visitors of his site) MSX games. The quality of the music (MIDI) and movies is most of the times good and combined with the short description it gives a good image of the game.

'Covers' contains a selection of almost 100 gamecovers (all in good JPG-format). Not only the familiar Konami games, but also less well known games.

If you think you have a high score in a game that you think no-one can beat, have a look in the 'scores'-section and check if the game is listed. If you have a better high score, or the game is not listed, you can contact MSX Games bOX and your score will be added.

Of course you can always cheat

to get a highscore (though it is not fair as we all know), so therefore there is a 'cheats'-section available as well.

If you are tired of playing all the msx-games (although I cannot understand why =]) you can also download some famous MSX music in MIDI-format and listen to it while doing something else.

Just like on the MarsUpOne page, you can find the submissions of the first MSXGamesbOX Wallpaper contest here. Though for the results, you still have to visit the MarsUpOne page.

A short Frequently Asked Questions section is included as well, but a link to the more extensive FAQ at <http://www.faq.msxnet.org/> can be found here as well.

Philip Pera also has a nice collection of MSXes and software himself and shows a list in his 'collection'-section. If he has something on sale, check the 'sale'-section.

He also has a very short description of Emulators for PC and Mac in the 'Emulation'-section.

Navigation is very good. Simple one page deep linking. The layout and design are good and comfortable for the eye. The information the site offers is of high quality and gets updated often enough.

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MSX Resource Center

<http://www.msx.org/>

Language: English/Dutch/Spanish

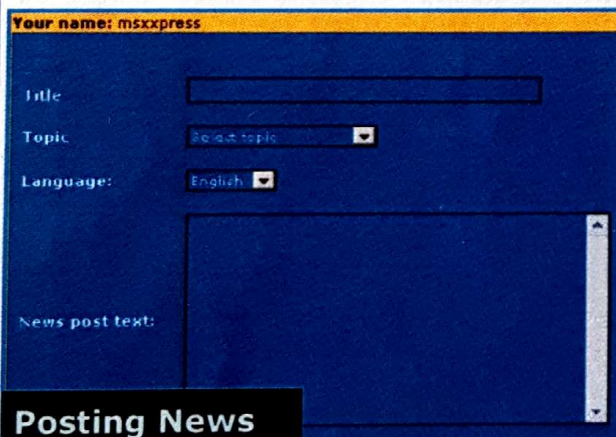
This first in-depth review will take a close look at the MSX Resource Center.

Just recently the MRC became a proper foundation, by registering itself at the chamber of commerce. During the same period they also launched the completely restyled version of the MSX Resource Center Website at www.msx.org.

For years this site has already been THE place for MSX news and facts. The dedicated team behind MSX.org always made sure the news was up-to-date and that the site was fully operational.

With the arrival of the new website, all former features were updated and restyled and new features were added. With their new Content Management System they made it more easy for the staff and visitors to maintain current and add new news, posts, links and other content. Although there are still some glitches now and then in the system, it works quite well and the members make good use of it!

One of the main parts of the MRC-site is the news-section. With a



simple HTML-form every member can add news to the database and reply to all posted news articles. Every message is categorised in one of the eight categories: Emulation, Fairs & Meetings, Hardware, Internet, MRC, MSX Related, MSX Revival or Software, all accompanied with a stylish avatar (small image) which features the MRC (or should I say MSX) penguin mascot. The new order in which the news

posts are shown on the front-page needs getting used to, but is quite useful.

But one cannot only add news posts, but can also write articles and upload them to the database. The database does not contain many articles at the moment, mostly fair-reports, newsletters and the famous lecture that Dr. Kazuhiko Nishi (also known as Kai Nishi) gave at Tilburg 2001. If you wrote a good article, feel free to contribute it to the community!

And what mostly accompanies Fair-reports? Right, Photo Shoots! The MRC-site has a special section for them in which you can easily browse through the photos. Of course every photo is accompanied by a small



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comment.

Every now an then the MRC changes it's poll at the frontpage and it's results are made public. You can now view all the results of all present and past polls in their Poll-section!

The MRC also has quite a large database (more than 175 entries!) of links to MSX sites. All categorised in nine categories and several subcategories. You too can add your link simply by clicking on 'Add Link' while you are browsing the link database.

If you are interested in helping the staff, then you can fill in a short form to apply for the position of 'Content Manager', 'Translator' or 'PHP Coder'. Remember, a community needs people for people, so if you have some spare time, do not hesitate to help out!

If you wish to give some comments or want to contact the staff for any other reason, you can enter your name and message in the form on 'contact us'.

But there is more to the MRC than what is mentioned above. A lot of time was spent in converting their forums to an easier to use system and that work has paid off... In the last couple of months they have

had more than 3000 posts! Though some things not work 100% all of the time, most of it is fully functional and gives the members a good opportunity to discuss with each other and give comments on the website.

If something is not working like it should, or if you have a suggestion then the forum is one of the best ways to let the staff know.

And if you are looking for a specific item, just Search the MRC.

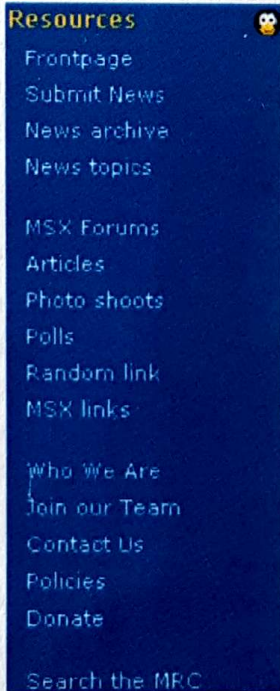
Final Judgement:

Wonderful graphics. The overall layout and design is slick and clear.

The navigation is good. At the most 2 pages deep. The navigational bar is positioned at the left of the page and brings you to all sections of the site.

If you are looking for a specific item the search function is very useful, but it might be a nice idea to implement it on every page instead of one separate page.

The content they offer is always up-to-date and is of high quality. This site is sure worth visiting at least once a day to be kept informed of the latest news in MSXland!



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MSXInfo.com - Totally Chaos Team

<http://www.msxinfo.com>

Language: English/Dutch

The MSXInfo.com site is managed by the Totally Chaos Team, know of the TC-BBS and the Dutch MSX Info Blad magazine. It has a variety of features and aims at a wide audience.

The site is not only readable for Dutch visitors, but also shows English text, which makes it more accessible to the rest of the world.

If you are looking for some free utilities, then you can have a look at the Programs-section. Although this part has not been updated since 1999, you can still find some useful programs like a Dos2.xx-virusscanner. But not only utilities can be found here, it also has a list of MIDIs such as Nemesis, Aleste and Bubble Bobble.

Rinus Stoker, the man behind Totally Chaos, is also known for his knowledge of hardware. Unfortunately, the hardware-page does not contain any information yet.

In the Tools section one can find information on his connection cable service and some other accessories he has on offer. Unfortunately this info is only available in Dutch.

The newspaper contains some old news about fairs, fairreports, new games and some announcements. Due to a lack of time this page has not been updated since October 2001. This page does tell us that the monthly meeting of V.C.L. is held every Saturday in the Dutch

place 'Bleek'.

If you are looking for a good ol' MSX-BBS, then you can have a look at the BBS-list, or if you started a BBS, then you can also add it to the list. The BBS-news shows us that quite some BBS-es stopped, mainly because the rising popularity of MSX on the Internet caused a decrease of BBS-users.

If you are looking for an address of one of the Totally Chaos Team-members, then have a look at the about-page, which shows the addresses and/or names of their members.

Do you want to ask the webmaster something? Then just fill out the form at the Email-page. It doesn't matter if it is hardware or software related. Just fill in your emailaddress, comment and if necessary your type of computer (not only msx, but also PC and Amiga). But if you want to submit a report or ask a specific question, then you can also use the form at the Questions-page.

In the msx-community people know that Rinus is a collector of all kinds of things that are related to MSX. In his basement he has quite a collection of MSX-computers, books, hardware and software. A true museum ! Pictures of his items can be found here and he is also working on a picture-guided tour through MSX history. The MSX-



Museum does not contain much pictures yet, but it is a nice start.

Want to tell the webmaster what you think of his MSX Museum? Or just want to post a public comment on the site? Then you can use his guestbook. Accompanied with some clear icons and smilies, you can leave a small message to let the world know you visited his page.

In the past a very cool demo has been made for the page. This demo guides you through a world filled with nice animations and is guided by some nice music. You will most likely recognize many MSX Konami classics in it, such as Metal Gear, Nemesis and Kings Valley. A very nice demo to watch when you have nothing much to do. It is advised though to have at least cable-internet, because the amount of animations is large.

The site also has a small forum, divided in 3 categories (General, Hardware and Software). It does not contain much messages but if you want to ask the visitors of the page a question, then this is the best place to do so.

Besides all this, the MSXInfo.com-site also has a very handy agenda-page, where one can view, but also add events. Too bad that it is not often used, because it could be a nice place to view what is going to

happen this month or year. So if you know an important date, then add it to the calendar.

Last, but not least is the Linkspage. The Totally Chaos Team has searched the web for you and shows a nice list of sites you can visit when you are done visiting their site. If your site is not listed, you can use 'Add Url' to add your site to their database.

Final Judgement:

The page has a large variety of sections, but unfortunately they do not contain much up-to-date information. Rinus told the though, that the site will be updated soon again, especially the MSX Museum will get some more pictures and text.

The idea of making it multi-lingual is good, though not all pages contain text in both languages.

The navigation of the page is good and simple and does not need much guidance. Main links are positioned in the top-bar and other links light up when hovering above them.

The special demo is very cool to see, but once you've seen it, there is no need to see it again.

It is a nice site and once it gets updated more frequently it's durability may rise.

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MSXPosse & MSXBoard

<http://www.msxboard.com>

Language: English/Dutch

In MSX Web Wide we also want to try to give a webmaster of a site the possibility to tell something about his/her site. This time the opportunity belongs to the team of MSX Posse.

Bit of history

Msx Posse started with the name DTC, founded in 1994 by Robert-Jan Regout, Angelo Sanna and Jeffrey Schaaf from Deventer.

It all started with a magazine called MSX DTC Magazine, which contained several MSX related articles, such as gamereviews, fairreports and a guide to programming which was written by Jeffrey. In 1995 he became more important to DTC when it was decided that the magazine was going to be published as diskmagazine. New employees such as Remco van der Zon and Robert Vroemisse and other people from the scene contributed to DTC, for which we still thank them! Remco did the graphical design and Robert did the musical support.

1995 was the year in which DTC first had a booth at an MSX fair. Magazine had 4 editions back then of which the last edition was published under the name of Totally Chaos, also known from the TC-BBS' creator Rinus Stoker.

In the same period the DTC BBS was created, which was later renamed to Orange Butt BBS after SysOp Robert-Jan had taken over the Dreamscape BBS of Hugo Plaisier. The popularity increased, especially the echomail part where

people could leave messages in the BullArea and also the filesection.

Because their main programmer Jeffrey left the MSX for PC, the last issue of DTC magazine was published in 1997. Angelo Sanna, who did the PR and who wrote several articles for DTC also left and started working more at a radiostation. Everybody started doing other things and DTC fell apart.

About MSXPosse.com

In 1998 Robert-Jan started MSXPosse.com, which contained pictures of the first MSX Parties in the MSX Scene. The concept was copied to other countries and even was quite popular at a time. Founder of the idea, Arjan Arends, still enjoys this success, but unfortunately he never registered it and therefore never got any money for it. The MSXPosse site attracted quite a number of visitors, especially because of the MP3's and MSX Party Pictures, which were discussed on the forum. The forum was kind of deprecated and therefore not much appreciated.

About MSXBoard.com

Recently (2nd of April), Robert-Jan, Remco, Angelo and Filip of FiXato did a heads up and joined forces.

The result of this is a wonderful modified version of phpBB2 which is located at www.msxboard.com.

The idea of the forum is quite simple. The MSXBoard aims at a different audience than the existing forums and tries to have a different content and does not try to be a competitor of the others.

A main difference is that on the MSXBoard the discussions are mainly in Dutch and that you can discuss things of the normal life (which is mostly done in the Bull Area). So we are some kind of MSX Café.

For the English Hardware, Software and Music sections we are still looking for moderators who are willing to help out and visit the forum frequently. Those who are interested can contact the forum manager at administrator@msxboard.com or just have a look at our board.

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MsXgAmEs

<http://msxgames.coolfreepage.com/>

Language: English

This page, created by Edwin Muller, is dedicated to MSX Games. On this site you can find quite a large number of ROMS.

All games are organised by name and the navigation is quite simple. Just click on a letter at the top of the screen and a list of games will appear in the left frame. It is a shame though that you cannot search for games in the database which is based on the TOSEC file list.

Besides these games, MsXgAmEs also tries to offer info on emulators by posting news about new releases. It is not much, but it is a nice related addition. In these posts one can also read that he was working on a complete new website and database, but due to a stolen laptop and the lack of backups he has halted all his activity in the MSX-scene.

The layout is simple yet effective. The target group of the website is small, since it only offers MSX-ROMs.

The recent lack of updates caused by the loss of motivation is quite unfortunate.

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Design	● ● ● ◐ ○
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