
Subject: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985

Posted by [Francois LE COAT](#) on Sun, 27 Oct 2024 13:45:17 GMT

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Hi,

Here I share an interview with Jack Tramiel in 1985, about the ST.

The Famous Computer Cafe 1985-01-17 Jack Tramiel (Atari)

and Bobby Kotick (Arktronics)

Sur la chaine de Kay Savetz le 04/09/2024

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7RURDLgCI4>>

The Famous Computer Cafe 1985-01-17, with interviews with Jack Tramiel, chairman of Atari; and Bobby Kotick, chairman of Arktronics (age 21.)
Aired on KFOX.

Digitized from reel-to-reel tape by Harbor Digitizing of Friday Harbor, Washington.

The Famous Computer Cafe recovery and digitization project was done by Kay Savetz in 2024. If you have access to other episodes of Famous Computer Cafe on tape, please contact Kay Savetz.

It's been almost 40 years. I hope that this fortieth anniversary will be celebrated as it should be, next year. We learn that Jack Tramiel did not conceive the ATARI ST to do a real commercial business. But he wanted to reach people like us, students, not too fortunate, and who could not afford a Macintosh or an IBM/PC. Because computers were way too expensive at the moment he speaks...

ATARlstically yours =)

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Subject: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2024 06:52:10 GMT

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Originally posted by: Darklord

Thanks for the link - will watch it later. I love those old video's. :)

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Dark><Lord
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Subject: Re: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985
Posted by [Francois LE COAT](#) on Fri, 01 Nov 2024 09:40:33 GMT
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Hi,

Darklord writes:

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It's a radio broadcast from Computer Cafe in January 1985. Just when the ATARI ST was presented at Las Vegas CES'85. I really hope a new computer from ATARI will be proposed to fans, forty years later...

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 02 Nov 2024 10:34:03 GMT
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Originally posted by: Chris Ridd

On 01/11/2024 09:40, Francois LE COAT wrote:

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presumably became the TT.

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Chris

Subject: Re: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985

Posted by [Francois LE COAT](#) on Sat, 02 Nov 2024 16:30:26 GMT

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Chris Ridd writes:

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Jack Tramiel was talking to people like me, I was 20, who couldn't afford an authentic computer like Macintosh or IBM/PC, because it was way too expensive for us.

Today, if ATARI was releasing the ATARI VCS all around the world, and join it an authentic ATARI ST keyboard, it would be great! We already have joysticks C40. That would seems as 40th anniversary :-)

I would love programming on a true ATARI computer, again...

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2024 05:15:10 GMT

Originally posted by: Darklord

Subject: Re: Jack Tramiel interview in 1985
Posted by [Francois LE COAT](#) on Wed, 06 Nov 2024 19:12:26 GMT
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- > Well, if nothing else, maybe we can hope that Wizztronics will release
- > their '040 based Falcon that everyone's been talking about lately. I'd
- > certainly love to see that! :)

We know diverse ATARI clones since 1996. I have one, and we all know the power of these computers. The big thing would be that the ATARI firm released another computer now, 40 years later. It should be partially compatible so that developers have the opportunity to port GEM software.

Don't you think so?

Regards,

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