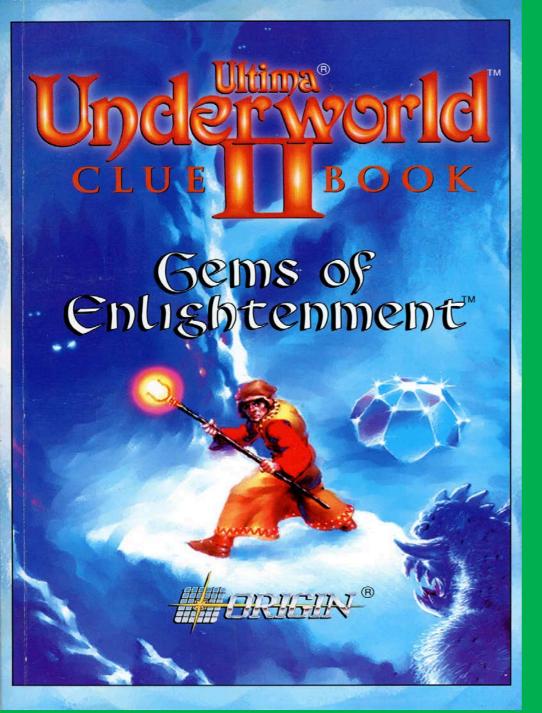


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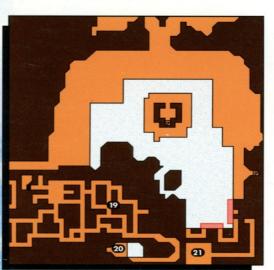




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The Player Character

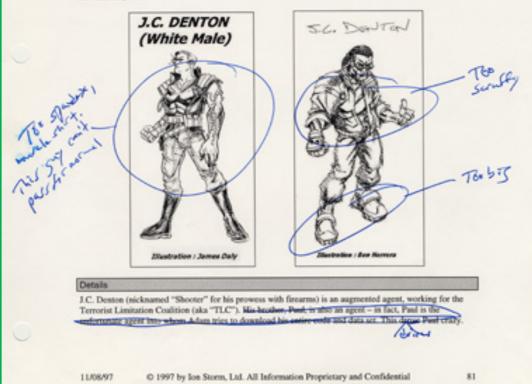
J.C. Denton (the player character)

This is the player's alter ego throughout the game. Ideally, we want to allow the player to select Male or Female and, if possible, even skin color (at least black and Caucasian). This has obvious implications for artists!

He's kind of a weird dude - always wearing his duster, gloves, unusual sunglasses, even at night...

He has numerous physical augmentations: Eye implants that glow faintly red if you catch him from the right angle (the way a cat's eyes glow in the dark); fast twitch muscle augmentations surgically implanted in upper and lower arms and similar augmentations in the legs. He's got a jack behind each ear where his hearing mods were implanted.

Later in the game, he'll get some outlandish augmentations - a skull gun mounted behind a flap of skin on his forehead, etc.



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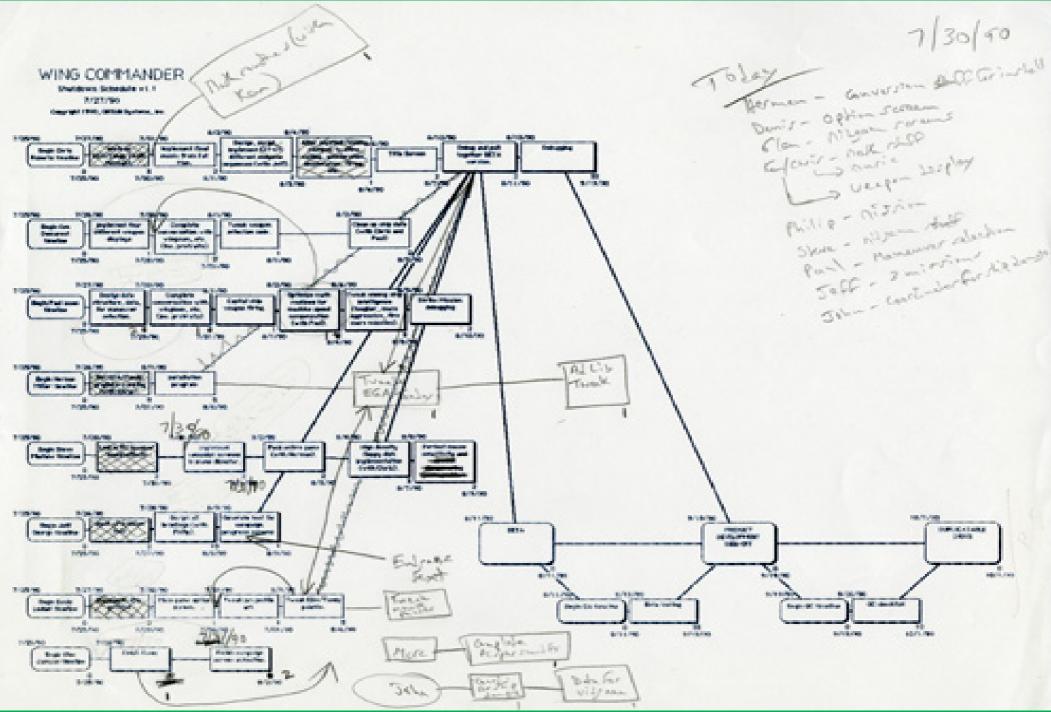
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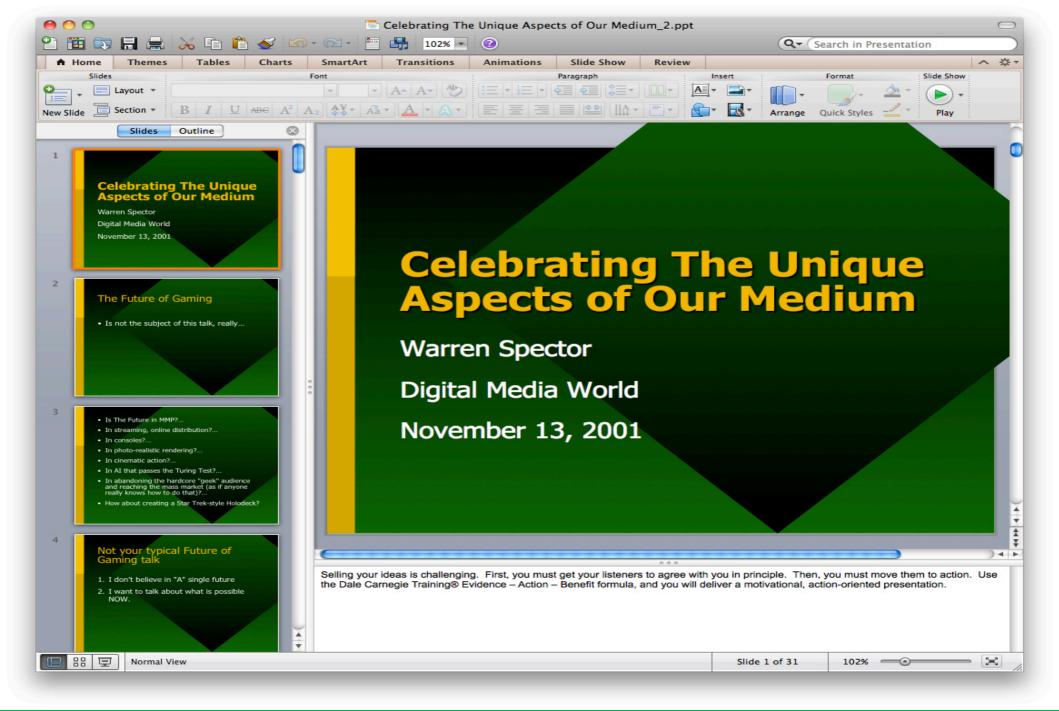
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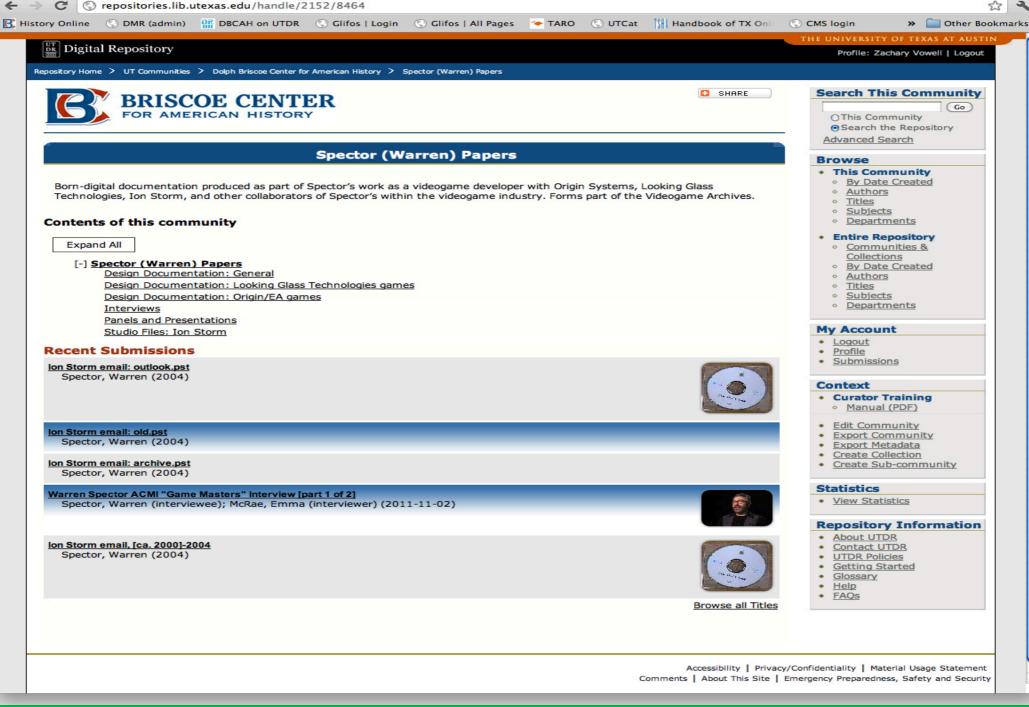
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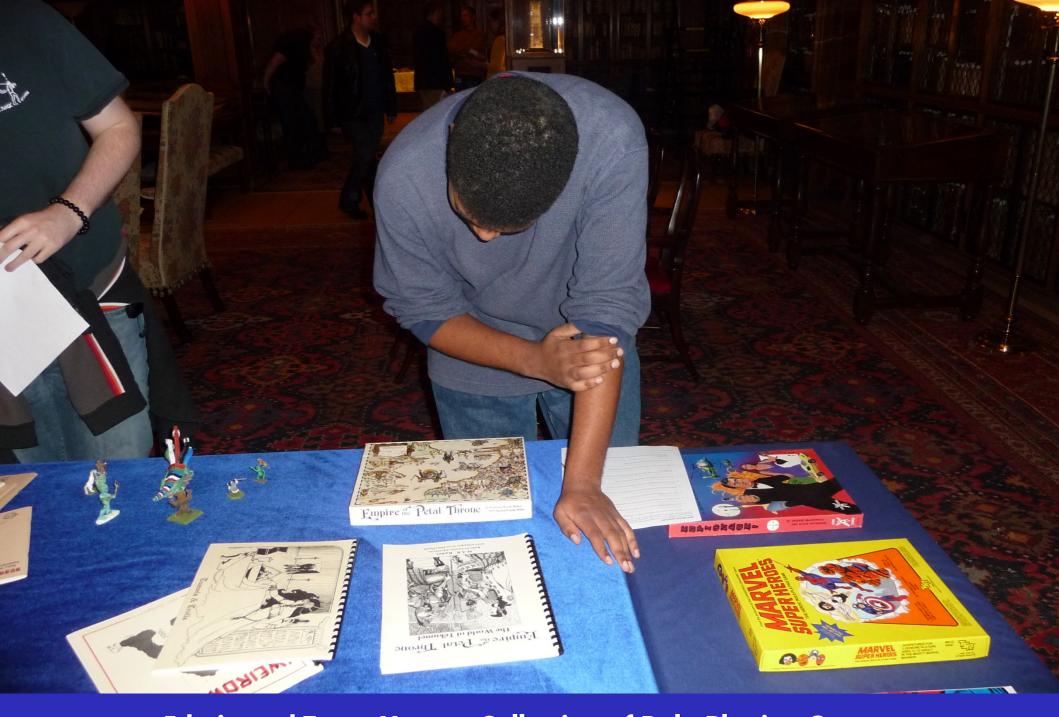


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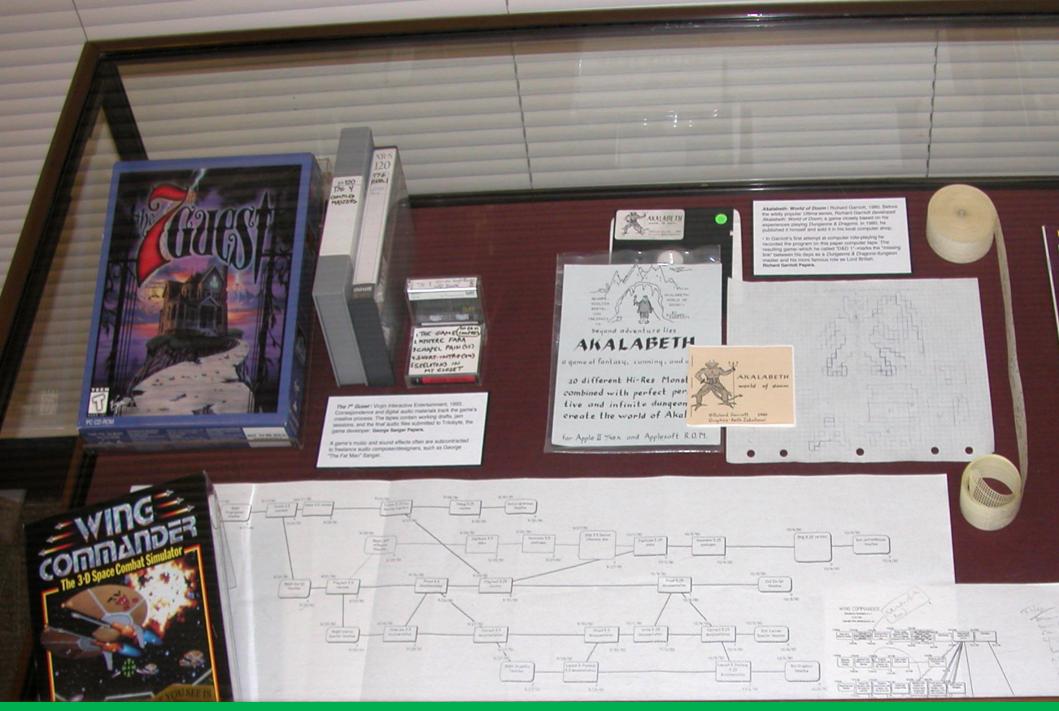
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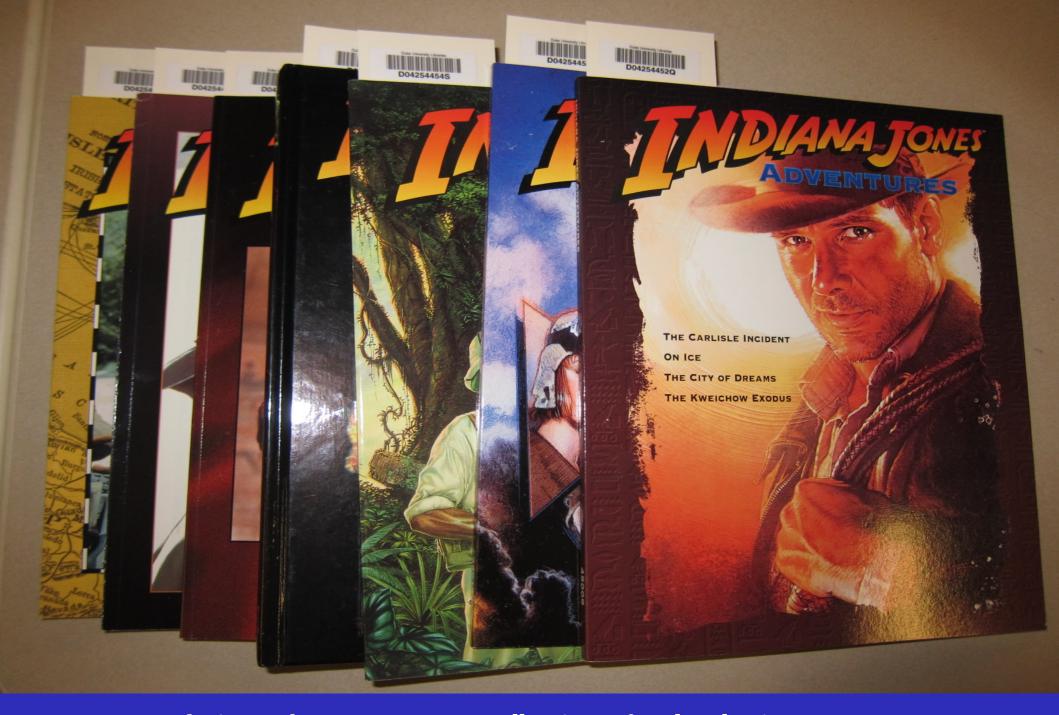
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Underworld Hits the Shelves!

The day that would never come...has come. As you're reading this, 20 CompUSA stores across the country are ringing in the first sales of Ultima Underworld. CompUSA was the only retailer to "drop-ship" the product, meaning it hit the shelves the next day. The other big retailers (Software Etc., Babbage's, Egghead, Electronics Boutique, etc.) will probably get their copies on Saturday or Monday. Hopefully, we should have some ideas on sell-through by the beginning of next week.

Paul Neurath (Designer) and Doug Church (Project Leader) from Blue Sky Productions are in town this week to share the launch experience. "It's by far our best release," Paul says, "and our most ambitious. It has about 12 man-years behind it. The last game I did (Space Rogue) had about 3. This is the Big Change and it shows in the quality of the product."

So far, so good. Booked orders were only expected to be around 20,000, but rose to cover all of the initial 25,000 unit rollout. The next build will be on April 17th. "We've ordered enough materials to build another 5,000,"

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The Blue Sky/ORIGIN connection: (front l-r) Doug Church, Richard, Paul Neurath (in back) Warren and James Dollar, artist for Underworld 2

Always a Bridesmaid

Wing 2 Deserted at the Awards Altar

(Seattle)—A long-standing ORIGIN tradition continued last Thursday night at the annual Software Publishers Association (SPA) Excellence in Software Awards. Wing 2 was up for awards in three separate categories: Critics' Choice, Best Entertainment Program and Best Action/Arcade Program. But when the envelopes were opened, ORIGIN representatives remained ensconced behind cold plates of rubbery chicken.

"We never win at SPA," says President and would-be recipient Robert Garriott, "I don't know what it is." The U.K.'s Psygnosis ended up trucking home the trophies as Lemmings took the award for Best Arcade Action Program and tied with Civilization (MicroProse) for

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