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First, let me be clear that anything I write that might be considered criticism is never leveled at anybody coding away into the wee hours on an Amiga keyboard anywhere. I'm more directing my points toward policymakers and policies.

I watch the forums and the usual suspects among the whiners and complainers (who usually are NOT to found at Amigans.net) seldom overlap with the paying customers or even the potential customers. I know they make a loud noise and frustrate the heck out anybody working hard to make things nice for us, but they are going to go about their whiny business no matter what. The rest of us... we can take it! :) Don't tell us a netbook is coming out in a year, not mention it at all a whole year later, and a year after that say something went wrong rather soon after the first announcement was made. Don't tell us Warp3D is coming in a few months and then leave it hanging for months and years when maybe something went off the tracks in spectacular fashion. Given a plain, honest assessment of the situation, somebody ELSE might have come up with something to help in the meantime. We recently got a top-class (it is tops in Amiga class for sure!) web browser and also the ability for the first time ever to play high-def video on an AmigaOS machine because some folks outside the circle jumped in and got busy. I count coders as well as testers and bounty payers here.

And the notion that Hyperion or any other entity is silent because it doesn't want to give false hopes is not accurate. That's because promises ARE still made... and then followed up by years of silence on progress. Enough of this cycle... let's have real progress reports. Don't say we're not entitled. This stuff is NOT cheap to buy. And it's not just money that is invested, but also time and passion and emotion.

For anybody still left who can't let Amiga go, it's more than software and hardware. Anybody left is kinda in the same boat as the rest of us. And the cause is not helped by separation of classes (developers/beta testers/users) fueled by unnecessary secrecy. I respect the heck out of all the developers. I respect Hyperion, ACube and most especially A-Eon and AmigaKit for making this hobby possible. Sometimes, I don't get the impression the users/customers get the respect back in the way it should be given, considering our situation and the small market/community size.

I don't mean to be on a soapbox and I sure don't mean to offend anybody, especially those developers/testers/businessfolk I count as friends. But I am increasingly feeling a bit antagonized by the way things are.

To be brutally frank, since I have been all Polly Sunshiny with optimism over the years in regard to AmigaOS, I think you should consider my feelings of dissatisfaction as signs of a real problem.