



**The
RISC OS
Awards
2020
Results**



- 141 Votes
- Fourth best turn-out since records began!
(that'll be 2013's poll, in 2014!)
- Bettered by:
 - 2015 - 161 votes
 - 2013 - 149 votes
 - 2016 - 147 votes
- Better than:
 - 2018 - 120 votes
 - 2017 - 106 votes
 - 2019 - 102 votes
 - 2014 - just 98 votes!



***Best
commercial software
2020***

Nominees:

- Fireworkz Pro - R-Comp
- RiscOSM - Sine Nomine
- Organizer - North One Comms.
- TextEase Studio - Elesar Ltd
- CDVDBurn - hubersn Software
- DeskWatcher - Thomas Milius

Additional nominees:

Artworks; Ovation Pro;
PowerTec PowerATAPI; TechWriter;
TextEase, and Prophet.

(TextEase and Prophet were a single entry combined, with a comment that both are in constant use in the voter's business environment.)



***Best
commercial software
2020***

And the winner is...

***RiscOSM from Sine Nomine
with 36% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
TextEase Studio from Elesar
with 18%.



***Best non-
commercial software
2020***

Nominees:

- KPDFUtil - Kevin Wells
- Launcher - Steve Fryatt
- AppUtils - Steve Drain
- DplngScan - Chris Johnson (St. Pilling)
- KinoAmp - Andre Timmermans
- MIDIUSB - Dave Higton / Rick Murray

Additional nominees:

USBScopePlus; ADFFS; Director; ExtdVars;
NetSurf; PrintPDF; SunFish; TextSeek;
and YTPPlay.

*(One of the votes for DplngScan had an additional comment:
"Just used this today to convert an 8bpp image to 32bpp to
make a JPEG of it; I'm really surprised that PhotoDesk has no
obvious way to alter an image's colour depth. With DplngScan,
it was a doddle!")*



***Best non-
commercial software
2020***

And the winner is...

***DplngScan from Chris Johnson
(originally David Pilling)
with 33% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
KinoAmp from Andre Timmermans
with 20%.



***Best
game or diversion
2020***

Nominees:

- SCUBA Hunter - AMCOG Games
- Virus - Rick Murray
- Quizzics - Gareth Lock
- ScummVM - ported by Cameron Cawley
- Stargate - Terry Swanborough
- Gorillas - David Williams

Additional nominees:

Cavern; Infinite Bunner; Rail Pro;
Rainbow Snake; Starfighter 3000.



***Best
game or diversion
2020***

And the winner is...

***ScummVM, ported to RISC OS.
by Cameron Cawley,
with 46% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
SCUBA Hunter from AMCOG Games,
with 18%.



*Best internet or network
connectivity software*

2020

Nominees:

- Messenger Pro - R-Comp
- Pluto - Martin Avison and Rob Sprowson
- NetSurf - the NetSurf dev. team
- Chatcube - RISC OS Cloverleaf
- Sargasso - Chris Gransden
- FTPc - Colin Granville

Additional nominees:

Iris; VNCServer.



***Best internet or network
connectivity software***

2020

And the winner is...

***NetSurf, by the NetSurf developers,
with 29% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
Messenger Pro from R-Comp,
with 26%.



***Best
development tool
2020***

Nominees:

- Desktop Development Environment 30
 - RISC OS Developments
- Gnu Compiler Collection (GCC)
 - GCCSDK Developers
- WinED - Steve Fryatt
- Python - ported by Chris Johns
- RiscLua - Gavin Wraith
- Git Client - Kevin Swinton

Additional nominees:

ExtASM; BASIC; Iris; MsgMon; Zap.



***Best
development tool
2020***

And the winner is...

***Python, ported to RISC OS by
Chris Johns, with 34% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
Desktop Development Environment 30,
from RISC OS Open Ltd, with 27%.



***Best
hardware
2020***

Nominees:

- Raspberry Pi 400
- 4te - R-Comp and Wi-Fi Sheep
- RaspberryRO 4 - CJE Micro's
- FOURtress - RISCOSbits
- WiFi + RTC HAT - Elesar Ltd

Additional nominees:

ARMBook; IanS Econet Podule;
Raspberry Pi 4.



***Best
hardware
2020***

And the winner is...

***The Raspberry Pi 400,
with 40% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes jointly to the 4te from R-Comp and the WiFi + RTC HAT from Elesar Ltd, with 19% each.



***Best solution for
backwards compatibility***

2020

Nominees:

- ADFFS - Jon Abbott
- Aemulor - Adrian Lees
- ArcEm - various
- ArchieEmu - Jan de Boer
- RPCEmu - Matthew and Peter Howkins
- VirtualRiscPC - VirtualAcorn

Additional nominees:

Arculator.



***Best solution for
backwards compatibility
2020***

And the winner is...

***RPCEmu from Matthew and Peter
Howkins, with 39% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
Aemulor from Adrian Lees,
with 29%.



***Best
new development
2020***

Nominees:

- Youtube downloader / video launcher - Chris Gransden (Youtubedl) / Raik Fischer (YTPlay)
- RISC OS Direct - RISC OS Developments and Wi-Fi Sheep
- Port of Gennan deep learning/artificial neural network library - Paolo Fabio Zaino
- CDVDBurn gaining Blu-Ray support - hubersn Software
- RISC OS 5.28 arriving with Pi 4 support - RISC OS Open and contributors
- A new pinboard - RISC OS Developments

Additional nominees:

New internet stack; RISC OS 3.1 rebuilder



***Best
new development
2020***

And the winner is...

***RISC OS 5.28,
from RISC OS Open and contributors,
with 44%.***

Runner up position goes to RISC OS Direct,
from RISC OS Developments / Wi-Fi Sheep,
with 19%.



***Best
show of initiative
2020***

Nominees:

- For live streaming the Southwest Show
 - Wi-Fi Sheep and the show organisers
- For the RISC OS build service - Gerph
- For the RPCEmu 'easy start bundles'
 - Matthew and Peter Howkins
- For holding a charity auction to make up for the lack of a physical event - WROCC
- For hosting an online show - ROUGOL
- For opting to work on a new TCP/IP stack without staking a bounty claim
 - unknown, but courtesy of RISC OS Dev

Additional nominees:

ABUG for their virtual events; Ben Avison & RISC OS Open for adding automated checks to code submitted to gitlab; RISC OS Direct; and the Pi 400 Christmas special edition from RISC OS Open to hook new users.



***Best
show of initiative
2020***

And the winner is...

The unknown party working on the new TCP/IP stack, with 32% of the vote.

Runner up position goes to Wi-Fi Sheep in conjunction with the Southwest Show organisers for live-streaming the event, with 20%.



***Best website
or online resource
2020***

Nominees:

- Graphics programming in BBC BASIC website - Richard Ashbery
- RISC OS Build Service - Gerph
- RISC OS Open Forums
- The Icon Bar
- The Stardot forums
- The Acorn News Service

Additional nominees:

The Wimp Programming in C web pages
by Steve Fryatt.



***Best website
or online resource
2020***

And the winner is...

***The RISC OS Open forums,
with 49% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
the Icon Bar website,
with 18%.



***Best publication
or offline resource
2020***

Nominees:

- Impression Newsletter - Chris Hall
- VirtualRiscPC in Use and supplements
- - T.O.M.S.
- Drag `n Drop - Christopher Dewhurst
- Archive Magazine - Gavin Smith
- Acorn - A World in Pixels - Idesine
- The WROCC - WROCC

Additional nominees:

GAG-News; the paper edition of the RISC OS 5 user guide.



***Best publication
or offline resource
2020***

And the winner is...

***Archive Magazine, now published
by Gavin Smith, with 55% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes jointly to
Drag `n Drop magazine from Christopher
Dewhurst, and Acorn - A World in Pixels,
from Idesine, both achieving 17%.



***Best foreign
language resource
2020***

Nominees:

- RISC OS Berlin
- The Big Ben Club website
- GAG-News
- RISCOS.fr
- Steffen Huber's blog

Additional nominees:

None.



***Best foreign
language resource
2020***

And the winner is...

***Steffen Huber's blog,
with 33% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
RISCOS.fr with 30%.



***Best
show or event
2020***

Nominees:

- ABUG virtual events
- All the online meetings
- Corona (!)
- German GAG meeting
- London Show
- ROUGOL meetings
- Gerph's talk at ROUGOL
- Southwest Show
- WROCC meetings
- Sine Nomine's talk at WROCC
- "You have no authority here, Jackie Weaver!"



***Best
show or event
2020***

And the winner is...

La La Land!



***Best
show or event
2020***

And the winner is...

***The London Show
with 45% of the vote.***

Based on individual votes for the nominees as listed, runner up position goes to the Southwest Show with 10%.

However, if the specific user group meetings are combined with the general meetings for that group, WROCC also scores 10% - but ROUGOL pips that with a vote share of 13%.



***Most innovative
or interesting project
2020***

Nominees:

- Plans to overhaul the sound system
 - Jason Tribbeck after contact with Cloverleaf
- RISC OS Cloverleaf's crowdfunding attempt
- RISC OS Build Service - Gerph
- Iris browser - RISC OS Developments
- DARIC - Daryl Dudey

Additional nominees:

Nemo's UTF8 font handling/emoji/updates to the UI (although the voter commented that they can't be sure if it'll ever be released); Phil Pemberton's software preservation project (see Stardot); Recce; RISC OS on Linux; Using multiple cores on RISC OS 5.



***Most innovative
or interesting project
2020***

And the winner is...

***Iris Browser,
from RISC OS Developments
with 50% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to Jason Tribbeck and RISC OS Cloverleaf for planning to overhaul the sound system, which got 14%.



***Best
overall contributor
2020***

Nominees:

- Andrew Rawnsley
- Dave Higton
- David Pilling
- Gerph
- Jeffrey Lee
- Jon Abbott
- Lee Noar
- Matthew & Hilary Phillips
- Peter Howkins
- RISC OS Open Ltd
- Rob Sprowson
- Steffen Huber
- Steve Revill
- Timothy Baldwin



***Best
overall contributor
2020***

And the winner is...

***Jeffrey Lee,
with 34% of the vote.***

Runner up position goes to
Steve Revill, with 11%.



***Broken cog
of the year
2020***

Nominees:

- The increasingly common problem of announcements being sent to a narrow audience, thus helping to make the operating system and its community of developers and users look less vibrant.
- For misunderstanding licensing and copyright requirements and banning a prominent member of the Icon Bar team from their Facebook group for raising the point (though they later reversed the decision) - RISC OS Cloverleaf
- The state of many RISC OS company websites which, if they don't look like they belong in the 1990s, are often out of date and don't get updated.
- Software supplied in a problematic way, potentially causing conflicts with other software and shared-libraries.
- The lack of a decent, modern integrated development environment.

(Additional comment: There should be an 'All of the above' option)



***Broken cog
of the year
2020***

Additional nominees:

- A small number of (unnamed) individuals for polluting the RISC OS Open forums with inane ramblings.
- Cloverleaf's over complex Kickstarter options.
- Cloverleaf because they said the Kickstarter target was half the cash needed, then raised half of that amount.
- Drobe for not being online anymore.
- Missing wireless support.
- RISC OS Developments for forking the OS.
- RISC OS Developments for taking over Impression, only for nothing to change (still stalled).
- The ridiculous delay making Iris available to all.



***Broken cog
of the year
2020***

And the winner is...

The state of many RISC OS company websites, with 41% of the vote.

Runner up position goes to RISC OS Cloverleaf for their copyright misunderstanding and their reaction to it being pointed out to them, with 18%.