

# ReadMe

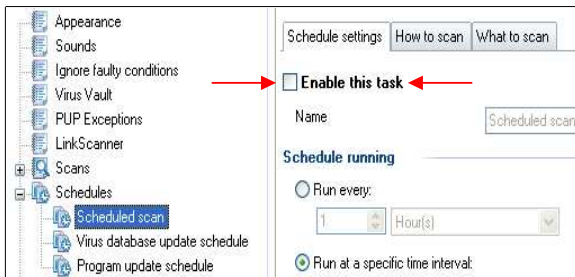
Since the VirtualRPC In Use booklet 'upgrade' was published in January, various points have come up, including a number of your reported problems when viewing it with RISC OS PDF readers. So this *ReadMe* page will bring you up to date and give some general thoughts on PDF readers.

## David Pilling's DPScan

Firstly, we're very happy to confirm that, thanks to a generous gesture by David Pilling, it is indeed possible to install and use his scanning software for Windows (*DPScan*) as a stand-alone application, without the need to have a registered copy of *OPW* installed (see pp60-61 in the booklet).

## Configuring AVG Free

Unfortunately, the red arrows intended to highlight the Enable this task box in the *AVG Free* configuration window on p16 went AWOL. As it happens, Grisoft have recently re-hashed the configuration display anyway, so here's what the current window looks like:



## Windows/Mac OS PDF readers


If you have a PC or Mac handy, you'll find the booklet looks good using PDF readers such as *Acrobat*, with very fast page scrolling and antialiased display (text and graphics).

Subjectively, the freeware *FoxIt* reader for Windows we recommended on p65 does seem to be the best of the lot.

## RISC OS PDF Readers

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of any PDF reader for use under RISC OS, particularly with the small-scale screenshots. This is a knock-on from the considered decision to retain the A5 double-page spread format for ease of viewing and printing. In most cases you will need to zoom in by an extra 50% to improve the clarity of the smaller screenshots.

The *GhostView* v1.52 display is otherwise good but painfully slow, while only the later versions of *RiScript* (v5.xx) give an acceptable display and reasonable speed. So we do recommend you use the freeware *!PDF* for preference as it's relatively fast and displays text very well.

However, if you should see any oddities with the 'dingbat' characters – maybe in the *Key: 2* on the cover "Direct Windows  RISC OS" – then you need to press <Menu> and ensure the No type3 fonts option is *UN*ticked. The dingbat characters should then come good.

Yet another poser with RISC OS PDF readers is how to relate an A5 page as listed in the *Contents* to an A4 page in the PDF file! For this you need the rule-of-thumb 'Divide by 2 then add 2'. So to go direct to p68 in the booklet, for example, you need to enter  $(68 \div 2) + 2 = p36$  in the PDF reader page selector. Geddit? Calculators may be used...

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