SoftStep is supplied as a free Player. It will play any SoftStep patch, and you can interactively adjust parameters in real time just as with the full SoftStep, and you can even create and save MIDI files of the music you make with it. But the Player does not allow you to save new patches. In order to run SoftStep as a full program for creating your own patches, you will need to purchase the SoftStep license from the Algorithmic Arts web site, which activates the full SoftStep program.

SoftStep now includes graphics extensions to the User Functions. These are not your typical computer graphics, they are a set of functions designed for Algorithmic Generative Graphics, the result of an ongoing joint project between Algorithmic Arts and Prof. Jamy Sheridan, now at the Maryland Institute College of Art. For additional information on Algorithmic Generative Graphics, email Jamy Sheridan at generative@arthink.com.