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Chapter 1

CyberView.doc

1.1 The Tale of CyberView

CyberView V1.1

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An universal image viewer for the CyBERgraphics WB Emulation

Purpose

Features

Installation

Using CyberView from CLI

Using CyberView from Workbench

History

Future

Copyright

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1.2 Purpose of CyberView

At the WoC 1994 in Cologne I had a nice talk with Frank Marik one of the authors of CyBERgraphics about their plans to write a hardware independent Workbench Emulation which should add 24bit support to Intuition.

Because I liked the idea of a new standard now that Commodore probably will never provide a operating system with RTG I decided supporting it by writing a image viewer for CyBERgraphics.

This program called "CyberView" is the result of this effort.

1.3 Features of CyberView

CyberView will run on any Amiga with OS 2.04 (or newer) and an installed CyBERgraphics system. The amount of free memory which is required depends on the size of the images which shall be viewed. CyberView can be used from CLI and Workbench.

Supported file formats are:

- GIF
- IFF ILBM
(1-8 bitplanes, EHB, HAM, HAM8, 24bit)
- JFIF
(via the Tower JPEG Code Class)
- DataTypes

1.4 Using CyberView from CLI

SYNOPSIS

```
CyberView FILES/M, PROGRESS/S, PUBSCREEN/K, DELAY/N
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ARGUMENTS

FILES: filename(s) or AmigaDOS pattern(s) of the image(s)
which shall be viewed

PROGRESS: open progress indicator window

PUBSCREEN: public screen for progress indicator window

DELAY: automatically end viewing the current picture after
the supplied number of seconds

EXAMPLES

Show informations about the builtin loaders:
CyberView

Load a single picture:
CyberView Awakening.JPG

Load all pictures ending with ".ilbm" with the progress indicator
window opened, go the next picture after 10 seconds:
CyberView #?.ILBM PROGRESS DELAY 10

Load "One.ILBM" and "Two.JPG" with the progress indicator
window opened on a public screen called "MyScreen":
CyberView One.ILBM Two.JPG PROGRESS PUBSCREEN MyScreen

1.5 Using CyberView from Workbench

There are two ways of using CyberView from the Workbench:

1.) As Default Tool:

Specify CyberView as the default tool of an image icon.
Then double click on the image icon to view the picture.

2.) Multi Selection:

You can also use Workbench's multi selection feature to view pictures using CyberView. Click (single click) on an image icon, then press the shift key on your keyboard and continue to single click as many image icons as you wish.

When you're done double click on the CyberView program icon (while still holding the shift key).

1.6 Some ideas for the future of CyberView

These features might be added to future version of CyberView:

- add support for PBM+, PCX and other file formats
- get arguments "PROGRESS", "PUBSCREEN" and "DELAY" from icon's tooltypes if CyberView is started from the Workbench
- window version using a public screen with a depth of at least 15bit

1.7 Developement of CyberView

CyberView 1.0:

- first public release
- loaders: ILBM 1.0, JFIF 1.0, DataTypes 1.0

GIF 1.0

- Because CompuServ is said not to ask for payment for freeware I decided to risk to release the GIF loader.

DataTypes 1.1:

- The image data is no longer copied but directly used if possible. This saves both memory and time.

CyberView 1.1:

- loaders: ILBM 1.0, JFIF 1.0, DataTypes 1.1, GIF 1.0
- added "DELAY/N" argument

1.8 Installation of CyberView

To install "CyberView" you only have to copy the binary and its icon to any directory you like.

If you want to load JFIF image files you need to install Christoph Feck's Tower JPEG Code Class, too. The required binaries and an install script can be found in the "JPEGCodeClass" directory included in this archive.

If Christoph Feck's "jfif.datatype" is already installed you don't need to do any further installation.

Users of my directory utility Filer (version 3.20 or newer) can add these lines to their configuration file to use CyberView:

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CLASS "#?", "FORM????ILBM", "CyberView %s PROGRESS PUBSCREEN %p"
CLASS "#?", "??????JFIF", "CyberView %s PROGRESS PUBSCREEN %p"
CLASS "#?", "GIF8", "CyberView %s PROGRESS PUBSCREEN %p"
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1.9 Copyright and other legal topics

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