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Chapter 1

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1.1 SAC

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ScanAminetCDROM (a.k.a. 'SAC') was designed to make getting data from the Aminet CDROM 2/94 an easier task. You enter a search pattern and SAC scans 'AMINET_0294:Index' for matching entries. The result is then displayed in AmigaGuide format, and you may view the .readme files or even unpack the desired archive with a single mouse click.

SAC requires Kickstart 37.175 (OS 2.04) or better. It can be run from both Workbench and CLI. If you're having difficulties, contact the author.

Program history:

V1.0 Initial release.

V1.1 Added archive type recognition and DMS unpack feature. Tool types are now used if SAC is invoked from CLI.

1.2 Copyright

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1. You must not charge anyone a fee for giving him/her a copy.
2. All files in the distribution archive must remain unchanged.
No files may be added to or deleted from the archive.
3. Including a part or parts of the distribution archive in other software packages is strictly prohibited.

More simply: Don't tamper with the archive, and don't make any profit. The archive may of course be included in the Fred Fish AmigaLibDisk series, the Aminet series and the SAAR AG series.

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1.4 CLI usage

The command template is SEARCH/A,DIR,TEMPDIR/K,UNPACK/K,UNPACKDMS/K,VIEW/K,VIEWGUIDE/K.

SEARCH	Search for this pattern.
DIR	Target directory for unpacking. Defaults to "RAM:".
TEMPDIR	Directory for temporary files. Note that the path must end with : or / (e.g. 'ram:' 'dhl:foo/'). The default is "T:".
UNPACK	Unpack command. Two %s slots must be specified, the first one for the archive name and the second one for the target directory. For the technically interested: SAC uses RawDoFmt(). Defaults to "LhA x %s %s".
UNPACKDMS	Defaults to "dms write %s". You may use the same two slots as in UNPACK.
VIEW	Tool to view ASCII files. Defaults to "MuchMore".
VIEWGUIDE	Tool to view AmigaGuide files. The default setting is "SYS:Utilities/MultiView".

Note that CLI arguments override icon tool types (which will be used even if SAC is invoked from CLI).

1.5 Workbench usage

You can use tool type entries identical to the CLI command template slots. After double clicking the SAC icon, you'll be presented a CON window where you can enter the search pattern if not yet specified via tool types. If you enter an empty string, SAC will quit.

1.6 The .readme files

For each archive on the Aminet CDROM 2/94 there is a description file which will be displayed if you click the file descriptor field in the AmigaGuide document. Each entry has the form

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<Archive.Suffix> <Directory> <Size in KB> <File descriptor field>
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For example, some index entries are

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fstoragel2.lha  biz/dbase  51K Librarian to manage large file collections
ISAM101.LZH     biz/dbase 181K ISAM database Server/Library for the Amiga
Komponisten.lha biz/dbase 163K Composer database in AmigaGuide, German
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Clicking the description "Librarian to ..." will display fstoragel2.readme, the accompanying info file for fstoragel2.lha.

1.7 Unpacking archives

This is as simple as viewing the .readme files. Just click the desired archive with your mouse and it will be unpacked. SAC will check the archive suffix to determine the required action. SAC uses the UNPACK string for *.lha and *.lzh archives, UNPACKDMS for .dms files, and VIEW for any other type of file. The latter is not really unpacking, of course, but it allows you to read the plain unpacked *.txt files on the CDROM.

Please note that if you want to unpack a DMS archive, you should insert the target disk *before* clicking the archive name!

1.8 The search pattern

SAC performs a case insensitive search, every 'dos.library' wildcard is of course supported. Please refer to your manuals for detailed information on this subject. SAC behaves special, however, if a pattern doesn't contain any wildcards. The pattern 'foo' will be interpreted as '#?foo#?', that is, any index entry containing 'foo', 'Foo', 'FOO', etc. will be considered a match and thus be displayed.
