

Man

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Chapter 1

Man

1.1 Man

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Man is a program to view texts and docs from Shell or WB.

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1.2 Requirements

You need:

- asl.library v37
- intuition.library v37
- gadtools.library v37
- graphics.library v37
- dos.library v37
- icon.library v37 (ManCom only)
- commodities.library v37 (ManCom only)

Supported:

- locale.library v38
- regtools.library v38 (busy-pointer)

Recommended:

- a harddisk to use help-texts efficiently
- "MultiView" from OS3.0 to read .guide files
- "Amigaguide" from OS2.0, if you don't have 3.0

1.3 Configuration

To configure the program, type "man -c" or "man -config" in your shell. A window opens where you can enter several specifications.

The gadget "Path for texts": here you enter the path which the program will search to get the texts. You can also enter an assign, so that the program will search several directories. The best of all is to create a directory on a harddisk-partition where you locate all .DOC and .guide files.

The gadget "program": here you enter the program to use for viewing and reading texts (maybe your favourite text-reader).

The four gadgets on the right side represent the suffixes you can select. In last of them you can enter your own suffix (if you insert ".guide" you can prevent the program from calling "Multiview" or "AmigaGuide").

1.4 Shell-usage

To read a text from shell, you have to add its name in the command line. Here you must not enter the suffix! "Man lha" for example searches for lha.doc, lha.dok, lha.man, and ... in the preferred directory/assign. This text will then be shown with your preferred text-reader. If you enter "man -l" you'll get a list of all texts located in your directory/assign. If you call man without any parameter, an asl.requester will open and ask you for the text.

1.5 Localisation under WB2.1+

Since Workbench 2.1 the program can be localized, i.e. it can be translated into several languages. Therefore I added the C source of the catalog. In the original only the german and english version are supported. The C source kann easily be changed, and with a suitable program (i.e. MakeCat - © Paladin-Software etc.) you can rebuild the catalog. If you have created a new catalog it would be nice if you send me the new C source via e-mail. Perhaps I can add the new language in a newer version of man.

1.6 ManCom - the Man commodity

ManCom v1.1 is a commodity, that waits for a hotkey (CTRL HELP) and opens a requester, which asks for the text to show. Its quite the same as calling man without any parameter from the shell, with one exception: it resides in memory until it is unloaded. With "Exchange" you can open the configuration window (the same as "man -c").

The program reads the tooltypes of the program icon. These can be:

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HOTKEY=...    and    CX_PRIORITY=...
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Here you can enter values suitable for commodities.

1.7 Copyright

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Of course, it was tested rather extensively before it was released...

1.8 Address of the author

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