

# **ExtraWBInfo**

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## Chapter 1

# ExtraWBInfo

### 1.1 ExtraWBInfo manual

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## 1.4 Contents

The following files should be in this distribution:

ExtraWBInfo	The actual program itself
ExtraWBInfo.info	
ExtraWBInfo.guide	The AmigaGuide version of this
ExtraWBInfo.guide.info	documentation
ExtraWBInfo.doc	The plain text version of this
ExtraWBInfo.doc.info	documentation

## 1.5 Requirements

ExtraWBInfo requires:

- AmigaOS 3.0 / Kickstart V39 or higher
  - commodities.library v36 or higher
  - ExtraInfo v1.2 or higher
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The following packages are optional:

- SetMan
- PatchControl

If you do not have either of the above two packages installed then you will not be able to quit ExtraWBInfo as it can be very unsafe to remove patches from the system. If you try to quit then the patch will just be disabled and the original function will be called.

On the other hand, if SetMan, PatchControl or some other compatible program has been installed then ExtraWBInfo is able to safely quit and will do so when asked.

## 1.6 Introduction

ExtraWBInfo is a program which replaces the Workbench Information window with ExtraInfo. It does this by patching the WBInfo() function, this means that it will only work under Workbench 3 or higher. There isn't any (legal) way to do this for Workbench 2.x though which means that ExtraWBInfo can only be used with Workbench 3 or higher.

## 1.7 Installation

There really isn't much to installing ExtraWBInfo, the best way of doing it is to simply drag the icon into your WBStartup drawer. The other way to do it is to copy it wherever you want and then add a line something like this to your S:\User-Startup file:

```
Run >NIL: SYS:Utilities/ExtraWBInfo
```

If you use either of these methods, ExtraWBInfo will be run the next time you reboot.

## 1.8 Tooltypes

If you have got ExtraWBInfo being run from your User-Startup file then you (currently) haven't got any configuration options, this is one of the reasons that I recommend that you run ExtraWBInfo from your WBStartup drawer.

On the other hand, if run from Workbench, ExtraWBInfo recognises the following tooltype:

```
EXTRAINFOCMD=<command>
```

Here is the description of the tooltype:

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EXTRAINFOCMD          String, default: "ExtraInfo"
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This tooltype is to allow you to tell ExtraWBInfo where the actual ExtraInfo program is kept in your system, if this isn't given then

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ExtraWBInfo tries to run a program called ExtraInfo and just hopes that it's in your path.

## 1.9 Usage

Once you have ExtraWBInfo running, you don't really need to do anything else. As ExtraWBInfo runs as a commodity, you can use the commodities Exchange program supplied by CBM (or a replacement) to control ExtraWBInfo. If you disable ExtraWBInfo then the original WBInfo() function will be called.

One note is that when run from ExtraWBInfo, ExtraInfo will read all of its configuration from its icons tooltypes. See the READICON argument in the ExtraInfo manual for more information.

NB ExtraWBInfo will only quit if SetMan or PatchControl are installed (see requirements for the reason), if neither are installed then when asked to quit, ExtraWBInfo will simply temporarily disable itself, you are then able to activate it again using Exchange.

## 1.10 Credits

Thanks must go to the following people:

- Nick Christie for writing ExtraInfo in the first place
- O.I.C. for producing DICE v3 which was used to write this.
- And everyone who's still supporting the Amiga.

## 1.11 History

39.3 (13.6.95) 4660 bytes  
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- Removed support for all tooltypes except EXTRAINFOCMD, as ExtraWBInfo now makes use of ExtraInfos READICON argument.

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- I forgot to include the GUIDENAME tooltype
- ExtraWBInfo now calls ExtraInfo using the short shell arguments

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If you have any suggestions, bug reports, questions, etc. then feel free to write to me. I will do my best to reply as long as you supply return postage (preferably IRC's).

## 1.13 Bugs And Future

Known Bugs  
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- None currently known of.

Possible improvements  
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- Localise ExtraWBInfo.
- Possibly write a version for Kickstart 2.x. This would be purely a hack though, but as it only has to work with a certain Kickstart then there shouldn't be any problems.
- Add some sort of preference window instead of just having them set using tooltypes.
- Keeping up to date with any future changes in ExtraInfo.
- Add some command line options.
- Only use ExtraInfo for certain tasks.

Any bug reports or suggestions for ExtraWBInfo should be sent to me.

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