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Chapter 1

SortINA

1.1 SortINA - IntuiNews Addressbook Sorter

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SortINA 1.3 User Manual

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	Support	How to contact us
	Update	Where to get new releases
	Credits	Thanks to some persons

1.2 Copyright notices...

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1.3 What does the archive consist of?

CONTENTS

This software package consists of the following files:

SortINA	- the sorter itself
SortINA.guide	- this documentation in AmigaGuide format

If you find anything else in this archive, delete it!

1.4 What is SortINA?

DESCRIPTION

IntuiNews is a nice NewsReader for UMS. Although it is quite comfortable it also has its drawbacks. One of these is the addressbook feature. You can easily add addresses to it while reading news/mail. But when doing so all new entries are just appended at the end of the addressbook and remain there unsorted.

This is where SortINA appears. Using SortINA you can sort the addressbook file alphabetically, depending on the last word in the name string (in most cases this will be the surname; if you use the FIRST switch SortINA will sort using the first entry in the line, in most cases this will be the forename). If the name string starts with "--" this is taken as a section end indicator and all entries from the last section end (or the start of the file) will be sorted as if they were in an own file. You can have as many sections as you like. The section end indicators remain at their places. If the name string starts with "++" the *preceding* section will not be sorted but copied to destination in unchanged order.

[Click here](#) for a little example.

1.5 A little example

EXAMPLE

The file below would be processed like this:

1. sort entries 1-20
 2. write sorted entries 1-20
 3. write entry 21
 4. write entry 22-23
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5. write entry 24
6. sort entries 25-56
7. write entries 25-56

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name1a name1b name1c                                << entry 1
comment1
address1a
address1b

[...]

name20a name20b                                       << entry 20
comment20
address20a

-- sort above area seperately                         << entry 21
--
--

name22a name22b                                       << entry 22
comment22
address22a
address22b
address22c
address22d

name23a name23b name23c name23d                     << entry 23
comment23
address23a

++ don't sort above area (starting with ENTRY 22)   << entry 24
--
--

name25a name25b                                       << entry 25
comment25
address25a

[...]

name56a name56b name56c                             << entry 56
comment56
address56a
address56b

```

1.6 What does SortlNA need to work?

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

You need AmigaOS 2.0 or better to run SortINA.

1.7 How do I install SortINA?

INSTALLATION

Installation is very simple. Just copy the file SortINA to somewhere in your command path. That's it...

1.8 How do I use SortINA?

USAGE

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SortINA <sourcefile> [<destfile>] [FIRST]
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The file <sourcefile> will be loaded, sorted and the sorted version will be written to <destfile>. If <destfile> is not given, <sourcefile> will be overwritten. SortINA first backups <sourcefile> and then writes the addressbook. If writing failed <sourcefile> will be restored from the backup and an appropriate error message will appear. Otherwise the backup will be deleted after writing (safe saves).

Optionally you can add the FIRST keyword to the call. This will result in the names being sorted by the first word in the name line instead of the last.

1.9 About the development of SortINA...

HISTORY

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1.3  (22.4.95)  release

    - Bugfix: SortINA didn't always recognize section end indicators.
      Thanks to Ralf Garbade for reporting this.

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1.2  (15.4.95)  release

    - Bugfix: SortINA didn't take care of ++ (stupid last-minute-bug).
      Thus every section was sorted.

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1.1  (13.4.95)  release

    - filehandling changed
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- last-entry is now handled correctly
- added FIRST switch
- first public release

~~~~~  
1.0 (29.1.95)

- Unreleased one-afternoon hack.

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1.10 disclaimer

DISCLAIMER

This software package is freely distributable, as long as no files are modified or removed from the archive.

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SortINA is malware. This means that I expect you to send an email (or a postcard) to me if you are regularly using SortINA. ([Click here for my address.](#))

1.11 proxy softworks

PROXITY SOFTWARES

Proximity Softworks is a cooperation of Amiga developers. Their intention is to release high quality software under one label.

Small utilities are released as freeware, larger tools will be distributed using the model of shareware.

We are planning to develop some great standard tools in the future and distribute them through commercial software distributors.

1.12 How to contact Proximity Softworks

SUPPORT

Send bugreports or suggestions to Proximity Engineering and Technical Support at Amiga Universe, the Proximity Softworks Support BBS.

Usenet: pets@amiuni.tynet.sub.org
Fidonet: 2:246/1416.0 (pets)

Messages will be read and replied by all Proximity Developers and Senior Betatesters. If you don't have any access to electronic mail systems please directly contact the software's author.

Any other donations, money or gifts are welcome.

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1.13 Where to get new releases

UPDATE

The latest versions of this software and other Proximity tools and utilities are available:

- o On any AmiNet site, e.g. <ftp://ftp.uni-stuttgart.de> (129.96.8.13)
- o At Amiga Universe, the Proximity Softworks Support BBS.
- o On SaarAG freely distributable disks and CD-ROMS.

1.14 amiuni

AMIGA UNIVERSE

System: A2000/030/882/25/13
Harddisk: 2.4 Gigs
CD-ROM: Aminet 3
Software: TrapDoor 1.85, Dialog Pro 1.0

Usenet: amiuni.tynet.sub.org
Fidonet: 2:246/1416
Gernet: 21:492/1616
X-Net: 56:56/716

++49-(0)7195-61970 USR DST HST 14.4
++49-(0)7195-920677 SupraFax V.FC 28.8
++49-(0)7195-63848 ZyXel E 16.8 MEMBERS ONLY
++49-(0)7195-91092 SupraFax V.FC 28.8

All lines support V.32bis with V.42bis.

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