

IntuiCookie

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Chapter 1

IntuiCookie

1.1 Contents

IntuiCookie for Reqtools 1.1

[Click here for a preview of the MUI version \(not included\).](#)
[Click here for a preview of the ReqTools version.](#)

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Don't forget to visit the IntuiCookie homepage on the WWW!
<http://www.club.innet.be/~year0183/Texts/IntuiCookie.html>

1.2 1.1 Preface

1.1 Preface

IntuiCookie is a program that will display fortune cookies.

"Why another fortune cookie program?" I hear you scream in agony.

And, I guess, you're right. The world doesn't need 14\$^1\$ implementations of the same basic program engine.

So why did I write another fortune cookie program?

Speed?

Size of the database?

Compatibility with entirely obsolete Amigas?

At the beginning IntuiCookie was written for my personal purposes. I wanted a cookie program that was good-looking, easy to use and very configurable. After receiving feedback from IntuiCookie users, I decided it was time to implement some more features. I didn't implement everything that was suggested, as I cannot see the point in spending ages writing things that I don't need. Some people may disagree with my way of implementing things. A lot of people will not like IntuiCookie as it uses MUI.

Hence this version of IntuiCookie for Reqtools, hacked together from the IntuiCookie MUI sourcecode.

Note that 'hacked together' does not mean 'buggy as hell'.

\$^1\$ according to an "Aminet-Search" on the Aminet 7 CD, not including doors for BBS programs.

1.3 1.2 Why should I use IntuiCookie?

1.2 Why should I use IntuiCookie?

I could bore you for minutes enumerating all those nice features IntuiCookie offers. But I'm no vapourware programmer and I prefer short feature-lists.

IntuiCookie for Reqtools has far less features than IntuiCookie for MUI. It was written for people who want a good fortune cookie program without the bells and whistles (and slowness/bugs) of MUI.

1.4 2.1 Copyright

2.1 Copyright

IntuiCookie and all accompanying files are (C)1996 Christian Kemp, except the guide and Install icons, which are (C) Tom Ekström.

All Rights Reserved.

IntuiCookie uses Reqtools.library, which is (C) Nico Francois and available on Aminet.

This software is subject to the "Standard Amiga-FD-Software Copyright Note" It is Mailware as defined in paragraph 4b.
For more information please read AFD-COPYRIGHT (Version 1 or higher).

1.5 3.1 Requirements

3.1 Requirements

- Kickstart and Workbench V37 or later.
- Reqtools.library (available on Aminet).
- Memory usage is fairly low.
- \ensuremath{\pm}300 kilobytes on your HD. (Only \ensuremath{\pm}20 kilobytes ↵ have to reside on your boot partition.)

1.6 3.2 Installation

3.2 Installation

Installation is accomplished through an Installer\$^1\$ script. Simply double-click on the Install icon and follow the on-screen instructions. Please do not install IntuiCookie by hand, it only causes unnecessary trouble.

\$^1\$ Installer is © Escom AG and not included in this archive.

1.7 4.1 Usage

4.1 Usage

FROM WORKBENCH

Simply start it by clicking on its icon.
A window will be opened, click on "Continue" to close it.
IntuiCookie can be customised via tooltypes.

FROM CLI

Simply enter IntuiCookie's name in a Shell window. All cookies will be output to the Shell window, but error messages will still be displayed in Requesters and command line options aren't supported either.

1.8 history

History

IntuiCookie, IntuiCookie for MUI

- There are MUI and (possibly) BGUI versions floating around, there were also version for Intuition and an older version for Reqtools. The history of these versions has been deleted to avoid confusion.

IntuiCookie for Reqtools 1.0 (17.12.95)

- First public release

IntuiCookie for Reqtools 1.1 (08.02.96)

- COOKIE_PREPARSE tooltype, allows centered text
- Will output cookies to CLI when started there.
Will display cookies in a window when started from WB.

1.9 Contact Address

Contact address

It is very important to motivate me with long letters, E-Mails, bug-reports, suggestions and gifts. Send them to:

Kemp Christian
52, BD Patton
L-2316 Luxembourg
- Europe -

E-Mail : ckemp@innet.lu
WWW : <http://www.club.innet.be/~year0183/>

You can write in German, English, or French.

1.10 tooltypes

Tooltypes

Using tooltypes is described in-depth in your Workbench manual.

- The COOKIEFILE tooltype
Used to specify the location and name of the cookie file.

Example: <COOKIEFILE=Work:Cookies/Cookie>

- The HASHFILE tooltype

Used to specify the location and name of the hash file

Example: <HASHFILE=Work:Cookies/Cookie.hash>

- The COOKIEFONT tooltype

Using the COOKIEFONT tooltype allows you to define the font that is used to display the cookie. The COOKIEFONT tooltype is only valid if the COOKIEFONTSIZE tooltype is specified.

Example: <COOKIEFONT=helvetica.font>

- The COOKIEFONTSIZE tooltype

Set the size of the font specified in the COOKIEFONT tooltype.

Example: <COOKIEFONTSIZE=15>

- The REQPOS tooltype

Specifies the position where IntuiCookie will appear:

- CENTER : Centered on the visible part of the screen.
- POINTER : Under the mouse pointer.
- TOPLEFT : On the top left of the visible part of the screen.

Example: <REQPOS=CENTER>

- The COOKIE_PREPARSE tooltype

Specifies the alignment of the cookie text:

- CENTER : Centered in the window
- LEFT : Left-aligned (default)

Example: <COOKIE_PREPARSE=CENTER>

1.11 What is a cookie file?

What is a cookie file?

A cookie file is a collection of fortune cookies in a format that facilitates retrieval by a fortune program.

There are several different cookie files in public distribution, and site administrators often assemble their own from various sources.

-- Quoted from Jargon 3.0.0

1.12 What is a hash file?

What is a hash file?

A hash file is a file containing nothing but hexadecimal numbers (the "coordinates" where a new cookie begins) used for amazingly fast access of fortune cookies, even in large files.

1.13 Format of the cookie files

Format of the cookie files

The cookie file is a plain ASCII text file which can be read and modified by any text editor. Individual cookies can occupy up to 2048 bytes (± 25 lines) and are separated by a line containing nothing but two percent signs.

Example:

```
---BEGIN OF FILE---
About the cookie file
%%
First cookie.
%%
Second
cookie!
%%
This
is the
third cookie
---END OF FILE---
```

Note that there's no %% before the first and after the last cookie!

Note that all text before the first '%' is considered as Info Text, the MUI version can display it through menu items, but the Reqtools version does not support this.

1.14 Future

Future

The following features are planned for future versions and will be implemented if I get some mails to motivate me:

- Multiple cookie files
- And, of course, your suggestions!

(Sorry, there aren't much things to add to this Reqtools version ;-)

Informations about the MUI or BGUI versions are available on the IntuiCookie homepage (<http://www.club.innet.be/~year0183/Texts/IntuiCookie.html>) or through e-mail (ckemp@innet.lu).

1.15 Thanks

Thanks

Thanks go to:

All the faithful IntuiCookie users who sent me suggestions and remarks: Stephan Grossien, Aristotelis Grammatikakis, Olav Mueller, Eric Gerard, Kenneth Fribert, Michael-W. Hohmann, Steve Wong and Jason Murray.

Thanks to Dietmar Knoll for the AFD licence and to Tom Ekström for his great Iconographics collection.

1.16 About the author

About the author

I'm 18 years old and I'm currently going to secondary school (high-school).

I've been using Amigas for over five years and my current setup includes an A1200 with DKB 1240 accelerator, Microvitec monitor, 250 MB hard disk and a Tandem1200 CD-ROM.

1.17 What is a fortune cookie?

What is a fortune cookie?

A fortune cookie is a random quote, item of trivia, joke or maxim printed to the users terminal at login time.

-- Quoted from Jargon 3.0.0

1.18 cookhash

CookHash is used to create hash files.

The hash program that is included in this archive differs from the one included in the MUI version, as this version does not feature windows or requesters, but instead offers a simple AppIcon. Simply drag a cookie file over the AppIcon and a hash file will be created.

1.19 discussion

WHY ARE THERE THREE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF INTUICOOKIE?

I haven't decided which GUI library is the best ;-)
BGUI or MUI, that's the question. And compatibility to Reqtools is important for users of smaller Amigas with 68000 and a lack of RAM.

WHY ARE THERE ERRORS IN THE PROGRAM/DOC?

Rumours say that errors in the doc are a way to get feedback ;-)
I am not perfect and programming is no

full-time job for me, but a hobby, a way to relax.
I don't check anything ten times for possible mistakes
as I don't have the motivation to do that...
If there are spelling mistakes in the doc, just ignore
them. If the program has errors, send bug reports.

YOU PROMISED A NEW VERSION FOR XX.YY.ZZZ, WHERE IS IT?

Working to deadlines is not a very good point of me.
I always seem to get distracted by something else and
often find out that I'm late again... Sorry.

INTUICOOKIE PRODUCES ENFORCER HITS, WHY?

AFAIK only the MUI version causes Enforcer hits.
I don't know which part of the code causes these,
as I don't have an MMU and therefore can't use
Enforcer to check while developing. However, the
lists of Enforcer hits that I have been send are
"only" BYTE READS, which means that IntuiCookie
won't corrupt your memory, it "only" reads from
certain places it shouldn't.

I'M WAITING FOR THE FEATURE XXXXXXXXXXXX.

Tell me! I can't read your thoughts, so if you want
something you got to ask for it.

One last thing I would like to say is that I REALLY WANT
YOUR FEEDBACK. Sorry for insisting so much on this, but
I really like to get mails and I am often lacking motivation
and each mail I get helps to find some motivation again.

For other discussions or questions, do not hesitate to
contact me at ckemp@innet.lu.
