NEWGUIDE

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A picture viewer/database

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FEATURES
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ShowGUI is not only a picture viewer:

– ShowGUI shows pictures in a nice gui on WB

- You can also show pictures by using existing viewers + arguments

- ShowGUI got a picture list (like a playlist for pictures)

- You can edit and sort name, artist, type, date

- drag & drop pictures on the list/picture-browser

- customizable gui, allowing patterns.

Examples for USAGE

ShowGUI is like a browser for pictures only. For example, if you
have downloaded lots of pics from the Internet or from a CD,
you can easily browse them with ShowGUI and bookmark those,
you want to copy to your favourite location on your HD. Or just
select those, you want to delete afterwards, or just browse them
and delete the actual picture, if you don't want it, or copy it to a
different location, or just make a nice database for presenting a
slideshow or bookmark them for a collection of your favourite pics.

But ShowGUI is also a GUI for any picture viewer, that already
exists. You can define external viewers with ease - you can also
use TWO different external viewers. Show pics in the main menu
with Multiview and watch them with MysticView from the bookmark
list, etc....It's all up to your imagination! :)

Enjoy!

1.3   install

INSTALLATION

Just copy the whole drawer to a location
on your HD and copy the fonts to you FONTS: dir.

Don't rename any files of ShowGUI!

That's it!

REQUIREMENTS

Required:

- AMIGA and modern OS with lots of colors

- G4C (always the newest version) - included!

- XHelvetica.font (included)

Recommended:

- graphics card

- lots of mem (for huge pics)

- high resolution

1.4 usage

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USAGE
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Usage is quite intuitive, I think, but if you have troubles,
please read this section, before complaining via e-mail!
Thank you! :)

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1.5 browser

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THE BROWSER WINDOW
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On top of the main window of ShowGUI you will see some
buttons (the button-images are located in the images-
drawer and you can change them of course!).

OPEN

Load a picture into the main window of ShowGUI

SAVE

Save the picture to a different location

COPY

Copy the picture to your favourite location on your HD.
You have to set the path for this location first. This can
be done via the config!

EDIT

You can edit the picture with any paint program. Just
give ShowGUi the path+filename of your favourite
paint proggy and next time you click on edit, the pic
will be loaded into the one, you selected. Configure
the paint programm path via the config!

SHOW EX

This shows the same pic with an alternative viewer.
Don't forget to define your favourite viewer via the
config first.

CONFIG

See config

ABOUT

Some infos and a mad picture of me...:)

QUIT

Makes a toast for you :)

BOOKMARKS

Click on this button to open the bookmark
list. See piclist

For the menus, read the menus-section!

There is also a string field, in which you can directly enter the
path+filename for a picture. Then click on SHOW (next to the
string gadget) and it will be displayed in the main window.
This is of good use, if you have lots of pictures, called 1.jpg,
2.jpg, 3.jpg, etc..it's much faster to replace this manually than
having to wait for the filerequester to open again.;)

1.6 menus

MENUS

ShowGUI doesn't have many menu items...

SHOWGUI

Here you can load and save a picture, iconify
ShowGUI or can have a look at the ABOUT

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window, if you like ;)
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MANAGEMENT

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Here you can copy a picture to a different
location. A file requester will appear and
you just select a dir and the pic will be
copied there...easy, isn't it?
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DELETE

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If you browse your pictures and want to
delete the current one or others, select
this option. It will open a file requester.
If you select OK, the current picture will
be deleted (There's a requester asking
you before deleting, by the way). If you
want to delete another picture (which is
not currently shown in the main window)
you just select it and it will be deleted also.
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LHA ADD

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You can turn your pic into an LHA archive
with this option. But you'll need LHA located
in your C: directory! If it's not there, ShowGUI
will tell so with a req. A filerequester will open
and you just select a path and a filename. A
shell window will open telling you the LHA progress.
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1.7 config

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CONFIG
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PICTURE PATH

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Choose your favourite path for showing pictures here.
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COPY PATH

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If you select COPY from the MAIN WINDOW, the current
picture will be copied to this path.
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PROGGY PATH

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This is for defining a paint program. Enter path+filename
of the paint proggy here. Next time you click on EDIT in
the MAIN WINDOW, the current picture will be loaded
into your defined paint program.
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GUI PATTERN

Here you can select a background pattern/picture
for most of the ShowGUI windows. Don't forget
to checkmark USE PATTERN to activate it.

SELECT VIEWER

Here you can select an external viewer and can
also provide some arguments, if needed. For example,
if you choose 'Visage' with some arguments, like
COLOR=BEST, you can click on VIEW EXT in the MAIN
WINDOW of ShowGUI and the pic will be also shown
by Visage in this case...

ARGUMENTS

See VIEWER

LOAD LAST PIC ON STARTUP

If checked, the last loaded picture will be loaded again on
next startup - so you can always find out, which location
you have been browing last time. So you can continue there
again for bookmarks, etc.
If not, only the ShowGUI-logo will be show on next startup.

USE PATTERN

If you check this, the selected pattern will be used, otherwise
ShowGUI loads in a default, neutral and grey background,
which is located in the 'images' drawer.

To save your settings, select SAVE...otherwise select OK!

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PICLIST

If you click on BOOKMARKS in the MAIN WINDOW of ShowGUI,
a listview will open, containing your piclists/bookmarks:

SHOW

Shows you the currently highlighted pic of the bookmark list
in the MAIN WINDOW of ShowGUI. This way it is very easy
to browse through lots of pictures.

LOAD

Loads a bookmark list into the listview

SAVE

Saves the listview over the old one

SAVE AS

Save the listview with a different name

SAVE DEF.

Saves the bookmark list as default. So next time you start
ShowGUI it will be loaded in automatically.

ADD

Adds one or more pictures to the bookmark list. A filereq
will open. Just select one or more pictures there.

BOOKMARK

Adds a pic, which has already been loaded from the
MAIN WINDOW of ShowGUI to the current bookmark list.
It simply takes the currently shown picture into the
currently shown bookmark list :)

CONFIG

See pconfig!

EDIT

Here you can edit the current entry of the bookmark
list. You can alter name, artist, date and type here.
If you want to edit a new entry just click on another
one from the list and the edit-window will be updated
automatically.

DELETE

Deletes a bookmark entry from the list.

CLEAR

Deletes the whole list

VIEW EXT

Here you can define a SECOND viewer for showing the pics with
an external viewer like MysticView, Visage, Multiview, etc...
Select the viewer via the pconfig!

1.9   pconfig

PICLIST CONFIG

CHOOSE VIEWER

Choose an external viewer here, like Mystic
View, Multiview, Visage, etc...You need to select
both the path and the filename of the viewer.

ARGUMENTS

Here you can add some arguments for the
viewer. For example, you could write:
MODE=DBLPal COLOR=BEST for Visage.

PICLIST PATH

The path, where you have your bookmark lists.

ARTIST DEFAULT

The default for the artist if the pics. You can
use it if you only want to bookmark pics, you have
drawn yourself. So you don't have to type
in your name again and again...good for lazy
people ;)

TYPE DEFAULT

Enter a format default here, like JPG, PNG, IFF, etc

DATE DEFAULT

The default date.

Press SAVE to save your settings, OK to use them
only. HELP provides some extra info. (For those, who
are too lazy for reading this guide! By the way: Thanx
for reading! ;)

1.10 tips

TIPS

HOW TO SNAPSHOT WINDOWS

To snapshot the windows of ShowGUI press CTRL + G and
select SAVE!

SCROLLING PICTURES

There are two possibilites:

1) Load it into an external viewer, which provides stretching.

2) Select a very high resoultion ;)

I didn't find a way to do this with G4C - but maybe there's a
possibilty...just wait for future versions...;)

SHOWGUI CAN'T LOAD A PICTURE

If ShowGUI cannot load a picture, it may be, that the picture
is in a different BIT depth than your screen can offer.
So, if you have a 16BIT screen and load in a 24BIT pic - it's
a problem! Also, if a pic eats too much mem, G4C will complain
with a shell-requester!

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1.11   contact

If you have questions, suggestions, etc...
please e-mail me:

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(Please always read the guide first before complaining via e-mail!
Thank you!)

Don't forget to check out my website for new releases/updates/addons/etc:

http://narr.tsx.org

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the Aminet for my mods: Search for R.KAPP

WANNA MUSIC - GO KAPP!

1.12 copyright

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ANYTHING - USE IT AT YOUR OWN RISK!

1.13 thanks

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THANX AND GREETZ
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D. Keletsekis - thanx for coding G4C! You are great!

Rolf Roth - for hosting the PlayGUI website and inspiring me!

All Amigans I know and don't know!

Keep up your good attitude towards the AMIGA.

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FREE THE AMIGA PROJECT
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I want to start a project, that is called FREE THE AMIGA.
I believe, that one strength of the AMIGA is the huge
amount of freeware software. This makes the AMIGA
outstanding, since we are not in UNIX worlds here....

I just want to remember every coder, that we should
always think twice before releasing something as cheap
shareware. Please consider first, if it is really worth
the shareware fee!

It makes no sense to ask for 2 pounds shareware fee.
It's too much trouble for everyone changing
this in a bank into the right currency, buying an envelope,
stamps and hoping that it will really arrive at the authors location.

Free the AMIGA! Keep the freeware attitude alive!

1.14 projects

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