

GuidePrefs

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Chapter 1

GuidePrefs

1.1 GuidePrefs guide

Welcome to the GuidePrefs AmigaGuide® !

This convenient database doc provides some information about the AmigaGuide® Preferences Editor by Quadra Development.

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1.2 GuidePrefs Introduction

GuidePrefs Preferences Editor, version 1.0

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This way, you actually support the author and you will encourage him to write better and more (low-cost) Amiga-software. Finally, you will

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INTRODUCTION

GuidePrefs is a Workbench preferences editor for the AmigaGuide® document system. AmigaGuide® reads its settings from some environment variables in the ENV:AmigaGuide directory. These vars are easy to set by hand, if you are familiar with AmigaDOS and the Shell, but I think that this little program is even more easier to use. The GuidePrefs editor belongs in the Workbench Prefs drawer. Simply drag the GuidePrefs icon to this drawer and the installation is completed.

note: if you are not familiar with the AmigaGuide® system, or you're not using it, then there is no reason why you should use GuidePrefs.

It is simply useless if you never read AmigaGuide® databases.

However, if you are reading this doc through AmigaGuide®, you already are an AmigaGuide® user.

The GuidePrefs editor is a much similar editor like the standard editors in the Workbench Prefs drawer. I tried to implement all the features of the standard editors to make it fit real good in the system.

The settings of the GuidePrefs editor are stored in the

ENVARC:AmigaGuide directory permanently. At bootup-time, they are copied in the ENV:AmigaGuide directory, from which AmigaGuide® and GuidePrefs

read them. YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AMIGAGUIDE DIRECTORY EXISTS. IF

NOT, YOU SHOULD CREATE IT IN THE ENVARC: DIRECTORY AND REBOOT YOUR AMIGA!

1.3 GuidePrefs menus

GuidePrefs' menus provide a good overview and quick access to the build in functions. Here follows a description of all the menus and their meaning:

Project basic program functions.

Edit edit settings.

1.4 GuidePrefs Project menu

The Project menu groups all the basic operations you can do with GuidePrefs.

About...

Quit...

1.5 GuidePrefs Edit menu

The Edit menu groups some editing functions of the settings.

Reset To Defaults

Last Saved

Restore

1.6 GuidePrefs About menu-item

This item opens the About window. Program control returns after you have closed this window.

In this little window, you can see the version of the GuidePrefs program that you are using. There is also an indication of the author who made the locale-catalog of your language.

Shortcut: Right Amiga + ?

1.7 GuidePrefs Quit menu-item

This item is selected to quit the GuidePrefs program. The editor quits without asking a confirmation from the user. Unsaved settings will be lost.

Shortcut: Right Amiga + Q

1.8 GuidePrefs Reset To Defaults menu-item

This item is selected to reset all settings to their default values.

There are no default AmigaGuide paths, so the list is empty.

Shortcut: Right Amiga + D

1.9 GuidePrefs Last Saved menu-item

This item is selected to read all settings stored in the

ENVARC:AmigaGuide directory.

Shortcut: Right Amiga + L

1.10 GuidePrefs Restore menu-item

This item is selected to undo the last change that was made. Currently, this has no effect on changes to the AmigaGuide paths because I didn't found an elegant way tot keep track of list-changes (yet!),

Shortcut: Right Amiga + R

1.11 GuidePrefs Window

The GuidePrefs editor window is build of 10 gadgets. Every gadget has a specific function.

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Save Use Cancel
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1.12 GuidePrefs AmigaGuide Paths gadget

This gadget is used to specify the search paths for the AmigaGuide® System. The AmigaGuide® document reader scans these paths when a certain link in a database is connected with a node in another database or file.

If the link does not specify a path (e.g. INCLUDE:dos/dos.h), then the paths in this listview-gadget are used as default paths.

You can add paths with the **Add...** gadget and remove paths with the **Delete** gadget. In addition, you can edit paths by hand with the string gadget next to the Delete gadget. When you select a path, it appears in the string gadget and then you can edit the path by clicking inside the string gadget box.

1.13 GuidePrefs Link Rendering gadget

This gadget lets you choose the type of link rendering in AmigaGuide® documents. Links are the mouse-sensitive words or phrases which connect items with another database document, an ARExx/AmigaDOS command or a simple text file.

There are four types of link rendering:

BUTTON: the default setting, draws an embossed box around the link.

UNDERLINE: underlines the link.

BOLD: prints the link in boldface text.

ITALIC: prints the link in italic text.

1.14 GuidePrefs Add gadget

Clicking this gadget pops up a standard directory requester which allows you to select a valid AmigaDOS path from your filesystem.

When you selected the right path, all you have to do is clicking on the OK gadget to add the path to the list.

1.15 GuidePrefs Delete gadget

Clicking this gadget will remove the currently selected path from the list.

WARNING: because there is no confirmation requester and the Restore menu item does not restore path-changes (yet), there is no other way to recover removed paths but to re-select them with the **Add...** gadget.

1.16 GuidePrefs AmigaGuide Pens gadget

This listview gadget lets you select one of the pens used to render AmigaGuide® documents. When you select a pen, you can change it's colour with the **Pen Colour** gadget.

1.17 GuidePrefs Pen Colour gadget

This gadget displays the pen colour of the pen you selected with the **AmigaGuide Pens** gadget. By clicking on other colours on the palette gadget, you can change the colour from the pen.

1.18 GuidePrefs Save gadget

This gadget is selected to save the settings permanently in the ENVARC:AmigaGuide directory.

1.19 GuidePrefs Use gadget

This gadget is selected to use the settings until the computer is rebooted. Settings are saved in ENV:AmigaGuide directory.

1.20 GuidePrefs Cancel gadget

This gadget is selected to cancel all changes and leave the editor without saving anything.

1.21 GuidePrefs Credits

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1.22 GuidePrefs Technical Information

GuidePrefs has been programmed following the rules in the "Amiga User Interface Style Guide" from Commodore-Amiga. This means that GuidePrefs uses the standards concerning user-interface design and feeling.

Also, programming was done as much as possible in a system-conform and future compatible way.

GuidePrefs was developed using Lattice/SAS C v6.2 and GadToolsBox on an Amiga 2500/20 with 7Mb RAM under Kickstart 37.175, Workbench 38.35.

GuidePrefs requires Kickstart Release 2.04 or higher (it doesn't run on Kick 2.02 Version 36 in the early A3000's) and should also work fine on future releases of the Amiga Operating System (4.xx).

The program has been tested successful with both the Enforcer and Mungwall debugging tools. This should guarantee a system-safe program-run. Beta testing was done under Kickstart 37.175.

GuidePrefs was fully 'localized'. Currently, I only made a dutch (nederlands) catalog (because that's the language I speak every day!). A CatComp .ct translationfile is included with GuidePrefs. If you want to make a catalog for your own language (french, german, italian,...), please fill in the .ct file and send it back to me. I will compile it and include the catalog with future releases of GuidePrefs. Unlimited honour and fame is yours, because your name will appear in the About requester of GuidePrefs and in this documentation!!

Program History

1.0 First C-coded release of GuidePrefs.
