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Chapter 1

DFView

1.1 DFView.guide

DFView

DFView, the filelist frontend for the Amiga and OS 2.0

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GUI created using MUI (C) 1993 Stefan Stuntz.

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This manual describes the installation and usage of 'DFView'. If you use a localized Workbench (Workbench V2.1 and better) and have set it to a language other than English, please notice that I'll refer to the English program texts in this documentation!

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1.2 DFView.guide/General

General

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1.3 DFView.guide/Copyright

Copyright
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'DFView' is *FD*! You may copy and distribute verbatim copies of the program's executable code as you receive it. I keep the copyright over the whole package! You may not sell this programm for more money than to cover just the costs of copying! In any case you may not charge more than Fred Fish claims for one of his "Library Disks"! Besides the program itself, the documentation and all add-ons are also copyrighted by myself.

1.4 DFView.guide/Warranty

Warranty
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I can and will not be held responsible for any damages which are caused directly or indirectly by 'DFView'. I don't guaranty that 'DFView' works in the expected way. If you find any bugs I please you to send me a bug report. See How to get the author.

1.5 DFView.guide/What the hell is DFView?

What the hell is DFView?
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'DFView' is *not* just a viewer. It is a bit less and a bit more than this.

'DFView' allows you to handle file lists in quite a comfortable way. It allows you to configure an *external* program. 'DFView' processes the files within the filelist and processes them calling the external program.

'DFView' was programmed using 'MUI' ((C) Stefan Stuntz). This means 1st. that you need 'MUI' to run this program! As 'MUI' needs at least *AMIGA*OS V2.04 (V37.175), you must have this OS installed!

'DFView' is using 'MUI'. You not only get an application icon, the typical 2.0 look and feel but better, you can do all operations by

keyboard! 'DFView' is a commodity, so you can pop it up by holding down the "hotkey". There is LOCALE-Support as well. Notice that you *need* *AMIGA*OS V2.1 or V3.0 (or even better) to take advantage of this feature. If you are still using V2.0x, 'DFView' takes the english texts.

1.6 DFView.guide/History

History
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In spring 1993 I got to know the MagicUserInterface ((C) 1993, Stefan Stuntz). I liked it at once and soon time after I decided to program a "little" tool to learn how 'MUI' works (learning by doing).

The weeks and months have passed and the "little" tool 'DFView' became bigger and bigger. I tried to implement as many features (e.g. Locale support) as possible, to see if 'MUI' is suitable for larger projects as well. And voila - I think, 'DFView' became quite a useful piece of software.

1.7 DFView.guide/Installation

Installation

- * Please install 'MUI' to your harddisk. 'DFView' does *not* work without 'MUI'.
- * Copy the 'DFView' executable and its '.info' file to a drawer in your search path. If you copy it to the 'WBStartup' drawer, it will be started automatically during booting.
- * Copy the catalog file(s) (locale/<language>/DFView.catalog) to Locale:Catalogs/<language>. Please notice that you get locale support only, if you already upgraded to Workbench 2.1 or above.
- * Copy the documentation files ('DFView.dvi', 'DFView.guide', 'DFView.doc') to any destination that suits your needs. Please notice that the 'DFView.guide' has to be in the proper drawer to be found by 'MUI's online help system. Please read the 'MUI' documentation for details.

Well - that's it. Now you can use either the shell to start 'DFView' manually by typing 'DFView' or 'run DFView >NIL: <NIL:', or you double click on it from the Workbench.

As mentioned above, if you copied 'DFView' to the 'WBStartup' drawer it will start automatically while booting.

1.8 DFView.guide/Quick Start

Quick Start

When 'DFView' comes up the first time, it opens its window and you can immediately use it. If you don't want 'DFView' to open its window every time it starts up you have to change the preferences as described in the 'MUI' documentation. The application icon will appear on the Workbench as long as you don't switch it off in the 'MUI-Prefs' program.

As 'DFView' tries to follow the "User Interface Style Guide" as tight as possible, it should be no problem (at least for advanced users) to figure out all the functions of 'DFView' according to "trial and error". If you don't want to get bad (?) surprises, just continue reading...

1.9 DFView.guide/Settings

Settings

There are two possibilities to configure 'DFView': First you can change many attributes via the 'MUI-Prefs' program and second you can use the built-in 'DFView' preferences. You need both ways for a complete configuration! Please notice that you need a registered version of 'MUI' to *save* all its settings.

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1.10 DFView.guide/MUI-Prefs

MUI-Prefs

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For a detailed description of the 'MUI-Prefs' program, please read the documentation coming along with the 'MUI' distribution.

1.11 DFView.guide/DFView Preferences

DFView Preferences

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Select the 'Preferences' item in the project menu of 'DFView'. Another

window opens where you can change the following settings:

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Show size
Save
Use
Load
Cancel
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1.12 DFView.guide/File lists

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File lists
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Using this listview and the attached gadgets you can add, remove, and shuffle several filelists.

The entries that appear in this listview will be used as the text entries for the cycle gadget ('Quick change') of the main window. Please notice that changes become available not before you restarted 'DFView'.

1.13 DFView.guide/Auto load

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Auto load
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If you double click on an entry in the listview, it appears within the 'auto load' text gadget and will be loaded automatically during startup.

1.14 DFView.guide/ClearALoad

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Clear
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'Clear' clears the 'Auto load' text gadget.

1.15 DFView.guide/Show path

Show path

If you select 'Show path', the listview in the main window will show not only the filenames, but the complete path as well.

The listview will be reformatted not before you restarted 'DFView'.

1.16 DFView.guide/Show size

Show size

If you select 'Show size', the listview in the main window will show the file size to every entry as well (not available up to now).

1.17 DFView.guide/SaveGPrefs

Save

Saves the (global) preferences to 'EnvArc:DFView' and 'Env:DFView'.

1.18 DFView.guide/UseGPrefs

Use

Saves the (global) preferences to 'Env:DFView'.

1.19 DFView.guide/LoadGPrefs

Load

Loads the (global) preferences.

1.20 DFView.guide/CancelGPrefs

Cancel

Cancels the changes made before.

1.21 DFView.guide/DFView Step by Step

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The Main Window
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In this window you can manage the file lists. This can be done via the listview (see Files for details).

1.23 DFView.guide/Files

Files
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Using the 'Files' listview and the attached buttons you can completely manage the filelist.

* *Add*

If you hit 'Add', a filerequester pops up and you may select one or more files for the file list. After you finished the selection the file(s) is/are shown in the listview.

* *Remove*

Removes the active item.

* *Rem. sel.*

Removes all currently selected items.

* *Sort*

Sorts the items.

* *All*

Selects all items currently available.

* *Toggle*

Changes the select state of all items in the listview, i.e. all selected items become deselected and vice versa.

* *Pattern*

If you hit this button, another (small) window pops up and you may enter a select pattern. All entries in the listview that fit the pattern will be selected.

* *None*

All entries become deselected.

* *Top*

The currently active item becomes the first one.

* *Up*

The currently active item is moved one line up.

* *Down*

The currently active item is moved one line down.

* *Bottom*

The currently active item becomes the last one.

1.24 DFView.guide/File list

File list
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* *Clear*

Clears the listview (Removes all entries). The file preferences are **not** cleared!

* *Load*

Loads a filelist.

* *Save*

Saves a filelist.

* *Prefs*

The file preferences window gives you the possibility to adjust some parameters for **every** file list. These parameters are saved together with the filelist itself. See File Preferences for details.

1.25 DFView.guide/Quick change

Quick change

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If you already added some file list names in the global preferences these filenames will be shown within this cycle gadget. Please notice that the changes made within the global preferences will take effect not before you have restarted 'DFView'.

As soon as you hit this gadget the new filelist is loaded.

1.26 DFView.guide/Selected

Selected

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This gauge gadgets shows the items of the listview currently selected.

1.27 DFView.guide/Unselected

Unselected

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This gauge gadgets shows the items of the listview currently **not** selected.

1.28 DFView.guide/Process and Quit

Process and Quit
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If you select 'Process', all items currently **selected**, are processed via the command entered in the file preferences.

Quit finishes the program.

1.29 DFView.guide/FPrefs

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1.30 DFView.guide/Command

Command

Enter the command that you want to use for the current file list here.
Enter the complete path if the command is not within the search path.

You may hit the "Popup" gadget to select the command via a file requester. Please notice that you can select this button via the **shifted** key of the string gadget in front of it.

1.31 DFView.guide/Parameter

Parameter

Enter the parameters for the command (see above) here.

1.32 DFView.guide/Params first

Params first

If this checkbox is in selected state, the parameters are inserted directly behind the command followed by the files

1.33 DFView.guide/Auto deselect

Auto deselect

Deselect the selected items that are currently processed.

1.34 DFView.guide/ProcessKind

Process

There exist three kinds of processing the **selected** files. They can be processed 'one by one', which means that the command (see above) is called for **every** selected file. Only this file is given to the command.

If you select 'all at once', all selected items in the file list are given to the command. If there are more files selected than the internal limit allows, only as many files are processed as are possible. The other files are **not** used.

'All until done' tries to give you a workaround for the internal command size limit mentioned above. It processes as many commands as possible. When processing these files is finished, it continues with the remaining.

1.35 DFView.guide/Ok and Cancel

Ok and Cancel

'Ok' accepts the changes, 'Cancel' discards them.

1.36 DFView.guide/The Menus of DFView

The Menus of DFView

You already got to know one menu item when you changed the 'DFView' global preferences, now you will learn something about the others:

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1.37 DFView.guide/About

About

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In the 'About' window you'll find something useful about the program itself and the author.

1.38 DFView.guide/Quit

Quit

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'Quit' terminates 'DFView'. Please notice that you have to save any changes you made before. 'DFView' will not warn you if you did not save your changes!

1.39 DFView.guide/Preferences

Preferences

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The preferences window has already been discussed before. See Settings.

1.40 DFView.guide/Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous

* * 'DFView' is fontsensitiv*

'DFView' adapts itself completely to the fonts you selected in the font preferences program of the Workbench! This means that the window will become bigger, if you select a font larger than 8 points! If the window becomes too large to fit into the screen, 'DFView' falls back to a smaller font.

Please notice that you can change the fonts used by 'DFView' via the 'MUI-Prefs' additionally.

* *Window Positions*

'DFView' remembers the positions of all its windows. This means that the windows reopen on the same place you closed them! Saving of the window positions takes place if you save the settings of the 'MUI-Prefs'.

1.41 DFView.guide/How to get the author

How to get the author

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write, because netmail is rerouted automatically. If you prefer to send "normal" mail to Würzburg during the holidays, it may last quite a long time until you'll get an answer because during the holidays I'm not in Würzburg quite often. If you don't know to which address you should write, just send the letter to Aschaffenburg, in which case it will reach me surely.

I hope you'll enjoy using DFView

Yours. *Dirk Federlein*

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