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## Chapter 1

# HowToCode7

### 1.1 main

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startup.asm - Copper Startup code

### 1.2 About HowToCode....

How to write demos that work (Version 7) - 7/Jul/93

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(or the Amiga Demo Coders Reference Manual)

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NEW AMIGAGUIDE FORMAT -

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Due to numerous requests HowToCode has now been rewritten into AmigaGuide format! It's still readable as text files (just!) if you haven't got AmigaGuide, but download it and use it, it's good!

\* Please note this is a REPLACEMENT to text files howtocodel.txt through howtocode6.txt. Sysops, please remove these earlier files as they contain many mistakes. Thanks in advance...\*

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And Commodore - Pull your fingers out and \*\*DISTRIBUTE\*\* the V39 docs to \*all\* Amiga programmers.

Please note that this file is the work of many authors, although the spelling mistakes are all my fault!

I apologise in advance for mistakes in HowToCode, I am unable to check everything thoroughly and certainly not on all machines, and in particular with AGA information so much misleading and contradictory information is going around that it is inevitable that mistakes will happen. Please point these out to me, however trivial! I promise I won't be angry if 100 people point out the same mistake. If no one does and everyone tells me later that they knew - then I will!

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The startup code in this article is freeware and may be used by anyone for any purpose.

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All opinions expressed in this article are my own, and in no way reflect those of anyone else. Please note that many of the programming practices described in this text are ONLY applicable for demo coding, and should not be used for Games and other programming.

I didn't write this for fun, I wrote it for you to use!

If you want to make a contribution please email it to me:  
I prefer plain ASCII set to no more than 75 column width, and no tabs if possible (although I can fix text sent to me..)

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