

ADGformat

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Chapter 1

ADGformat

1.1 ADGFormat version 1.3

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1.2 ADGFormat | Overview

You probably have created guide files for all your Autodoc files, just like I have. You probably also think that the layout ad2ag (or ad2ht) creates looks pretty ugly, just like me. This can ofcourse be fixed. I have seen a couple of programs, that does this, but I thought that they were a bit too slow, and also they couldn't be configured as I would like them to be. Well, then I wrote my own: ADGFormat (AutoDocGuideFormat).

What it does, excacly, is that it takes one (or more) AutoDoc guidefiles and process them, in the way you have selected. You can either have it write a specific number of columns or you can specify the maximum width you desire. If you specify a maximum width, it will calculate the maximum numbers of columns it can create based upon the widest nodename. If any nodename is longer than the maximum

width, there will only be created one column and it will be larger than the maximum width. You can also select, if it shall write the formatted file back to the original, or if you want it to create a set of formatted files. Finally you can select the delimiter between the columns (the default is "|").

ADGFormat is coded using C and FLEX (a lexical analyzer generator). FLEX does all the parsing of the file. If you want to see, how FLEX can be used, please request the source code from the author. (See About~SA~Productions.)

1.3 ADGFormat | Distribution

All code is Copyright © 1994 SA Productions. It may be copied and distributed so long as no commercial profit is made out of it. It may not be modified, sold, or included in any commercial distribution without my written permission. Public Domain vendors are not allowed to sell this program for more than the price of a regular disk, which should be no more than the equivalent of 5 Dollars. The author takes no responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from the use of this program.

This program is MailWare. If you like it, you must mail the author telling him so. Please use either email addresses, or optionally write a postcard. See About~SA~Productions.

1.4 ADGFormat | Requirements

This program is written using OS2.04 and has not been (and will not be) tested under versions below 2.04. It works on files created by ad2ag (or ad2ht) so I guess you'll need them as well. I guess that's about it :-)

1.5 ADGFormat | Installation

There is nothing to it. Just copy ADGFormat to a directory which is in your path (C: might be the place :-), and then place this guide in your HELP: directory .

1.6 ADGFormat | Usage

ADGFormat is very easy to use. It has a total of 7 arguments, where only 5 can be used at the same time. They are:

ADGFormat Files/M/A,P=Path/K,O=Overwrite/S,W=Width/K/N,

C=Columns/K/N,D=Delimiter/K,V=Verbose/S

Here's a closer description:

Keyword	Default	Description
Files/M/A	none	Here you can specify as many files as you want, including normal Amiga wildcards.
P=Path/K	T:	Specify the output path (no wildcards)
O=Overwrite/S	off	If you select "Overwrite" (or short "O") it will write the file back on top of the original file, when it is done parsing. Note: "Overwrite" overrides the "Path" setting.
W=Width/K/N	80	Specify any width larger than 20.
C=Columns/K/N	not specified	If number of columns is specified, this overrides the width setting.
D=Delimiter/K	" "	Specify the character you want to use as a delimiter. If no delimiter is desired, specify a delimiter of ""
V=Verbose/S	off	Makes output of progress.

So if I want to create a formatted copy of my guide file for DOS I'll write:

```
ADGFormat SC:ADGuides/DOS
```

And now I have a formatted copy of DOS in my "T:" drawer, which has a maximum width of 80 chars in the MAIN node.

A bit more exotic:

```
ADGFormat SC:ADGuides/D* SC:ADGuides/I* path RAM: Columns 4 Delimiter "*"
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will create a formatted copy of all files starting with "D" and "I" put them in RAM: with 4 columns and a delimiter "*".

If I don't want an extra copy, but want to replace the original file, I'd write:

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ADGFormat SC:ADGuides/* overwrite
```

Ofcourse you could use the shorthand for the above, for example:

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ADGFormat SC:ADGuides/D* P RAM: W 120 D "*"
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or even:

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ADGFormat SC:ADGuides/D* P=RAM: W=120 D="*" V
```

In the above example, the program will output the progress, while parsing.

1.7 ADGFormat | ToDo's

If anybody uses this program (that is, if I get any feedback), I'll probably make some of the following things:

- Adding the option of creating a backlink.
- Adding the option to create a table of contents based upon the Main node in each document.
- Adding an index to each file.
- Making a global index file.
- Localizing it.
- Creating a MUI interface, for easy configuration and running.

1.8 ADGFormat | About SA Productions

We're two university students (Anders Hybertz and Søren Berg Glasius) who like to program for fun - oftent together. We both studdy computer science and electronics at the University of Odense, Denmark.

The program is MailWare, this means, that if you use the program on a regular basis, you must send the author an email or a postcard telling him so. Also if you just took a peek at the program, and didn't like it, please tell us why!

If you have any suggestions or improvements, please also mail them to us.

Also bugreports should be send to either one of us.

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We hope you like the program.....

Søren.

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